

**170 1880**  
**Jan. 1.**

New Year's Day, a holiday.

The weather all day, bright and warm.

At the Gallery at 10 a.m.

Letter from Miss F. McDowell Waverly N.Y. enclosing stamps for 25cts. for Catalogue.

**Jan. 2.**

Mild but cloudy, threatening rain.

Sent catalogue to Miss McDowell, with a postal card.

Gave copyist's card to Mr Gaullieur.

Dr. Miss Welling & Mr < . . > Dr Hall called. Miss W. presented me with a photo of the Grand Ducal Madonna & Child in the Pitti Palace, Florence. The Grand Duke & Of Tuscany^ valued it so highly that when he traveled he placed it in his trunk, after the Italians recovered that that dukedom from the Austrians, they found this picture, & still hold it, though Austria has offered a large amount for its restoration.

V. 97 x 8 \$24.25 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$1.50

**Jan. 3**

Cloudy and mild.

Bought at Boardman & Co's a new copying Book, fold pen \$3.00 & small bottle of red ink (carmine) & sent his bill for 1849 (\$48 -cts) to Mr Hyde.

Paid Mr Mahon's washing bill - \$2.50cts.

McElroy sent bill for Harrison frame \$14.00 & 75cts for tablel.

Genl. Corse of Alexa. called.

V. 665 C. 29 \$7.25 P. \$4.25

**171 1880.**  
**Jan. 5**

Monday, rainy and raw.

Miss Welling called with a photo of the famous ^only^ Greek painting of the Muse at Corcona, Italy. Will have it mounted for her, only one copy in photo, allowed at long intervals. Dr Jouy called & took it away.

Rec'd from Mr B. A. Willis, N.Y. five dollars for boxing his wife's portrait, which I send to Mr. Williams.

History of an old picture won by H. Clay from J. Q. Adams.

Mr. Corcoran sent up a letter to him from Mrs. Susan M. Clay widow of James B. Clay (son of the great Henry Clay, in which she asks permission to place certain pictures on exhibition here, and if possible to sell them, 1. a portrait of an old woman, She tells this curious incident of its history: that in John A. Adams' diary Sept. 1. 1814, 3d. vol. pp. 30, 31 he says "We had a dinner party. It broke up at midnight, and after the guests left, Mr Clay won from me at a game of all fours, the picture of an old woman that I had ~~won~~ drawn as a prize in the lottery of pictures in which we had all taken a ~~chance~~, tickets." This was while Mr Clay & Mr Adams were in Europe, commissioners of the Treaty of Ghent. The 2d. picture is the portrait of an unknown person, purchased by her husband in Lisbon in 1849 – first supposed to be by Murillo, & afterwards believed to be by Grau Vasco – The 3d. picture is supposed to be by Murillo. Mr Corcoran wishes this ~~works~~ letter to be submitted.

Mr. E. G. Lind of Baltimore, architect, called to get hints as to how we set up the reliefs of the Parthenon. Gave them.

Mrs. Fassett called to see if possible some portrait of Hon Rich. Rush, whose picture she is to paint for Treasy. Dept. Wrote to Mr Sartain Phila. to learn where there is one.

Dr Jouy called with new photos of "Bavarian Prisoners."

V. 36 + 2 \$9.00 C. 5 \$1.25 P. 75cts.

## 172 Jan. 6

Raw and rainy.

Gave a copyist card to Mrs. Gill.

Rec'd personal note from J. Jenkins of Bethlehem Pa. with drawing his previous letter, referring to ^old^ pictures in his possession.

Letter from Miss M. M. Rohrer requesting rules and copying card. Replied telling her to come & sign regulations.

V. 265 C. 314 \$3.50 P. \$16.70

## Jan. 7

Rainy, but mild.

Miss Gordon Cumming, the noted traveler, was introduced by Mr Charles Hill, as a friend of Mr Corcoran. She got permission to copy "Niagara" in water colors. She admires Heine's pictures very much.

Letter from J. Sartain Phila, stating he has a print of Richd. Rush, if he can find it, engraved for his (R's) family 30 of 40 years ago.

Mr Hyde has been confined to his bed all this week.

Letter from Williams & Everett ^Boston^ stating the size of the Allston picture to be 25 x 19 1/2 - [rice \$3,00. The Copley (portrait of Hancock) is 25 x 30 in – price \$1,500 – the marrow carved frame of it made by Paul Revere.

Dr Jouy brought photos. & I certified his bill on a/c \$34.

V. 30 + 8 \$7.50 C. 3 75cts. P. \$3.00

**173 Jan. 8**

Cooler, & more pleasant, though cloudy. Bright afternoon.

Note from the Rev. T. G. Colton, Hudson, Mich. requesting to know price & size of "Corday" photograph. Answered on a card he sent.

Rec'd 12th. Annual Report of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore.

Mr. Hyde sent up to know when the man whom Mr. Clark sent up to wrap our steam-pipes with plaster began & ended the work.

Sent Bouton's bill for "Portfolio" \$10. pr am. to Mr Hyde.

Finding Mr Walter's "Bavarian Prisoners" still here, sent it with card.

V. 430 C. 24 \$6.00 P. \$1.50

**Jan. 9**

Rainy, raw & dark.

Miss Cumming brought & shewed some remarkably fine water colors by her of the volcano region in the Sandwich Islands -& Japan, & giving vivid descriptions & explanations of the scenes represented. She is a remarkable woman.

Sent to Mr Barlow to send up amt. of his bill.

Mr Corcoran with G.W. Childs, Mr Drexel & Mr Morgan of Philadelphia – all wealthy men, came and examined the Gallery . Mr Childs was very enthusiastic over the collection, Mr Drexel admired most the “Marching Regiment”, & Mr Morgan thought a great deal of the Morland.

V. 55 + 8 \$13.75 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$2.40

**174 Jan. 10**

Bright & mild.

Got from Mr Hyde cheque for \$150, for Mr Andrews.

Some losses of paint, & a picture from the Ladies Wash-room reported.

Dr. Hall completed his 75th. year to-day.

A lot of photos sent by Dr Jouy.

Met young Mr Bryan, & learned from him that the John Quincy Adams portrait is an original by Healy.

Prest. Harrison's portrait paid for to Andrews, \$150

Mr Andrews sent up his bust-portrait of Prest. Harrison after Beard's in 1840. Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came in & thought it was an excellent likeness, better than Garl Brown's. He seemed to think of the intervening President's first. Mr Andrews will varnish it before hanging. I gave him the cheque in pay for the Harrison \$150.

V. 625 C. 21 \$5.25 P. \$4.25

**Jan. 12**

Monday. Cloudy ~~but mild~~, and raw.

Busy preparing my Annual Report, & my Contingent a/c.

Mr Andrews called.

Dr Hunter called with a volume of copies of “Washington Papers”, which he wished to have securely packed for mailing by Mr Corcoran.

Misses Jones & Robinson came in.

Miss Gordon Cumming finished her copy of "Niagara" to-day, & bade us good-bye. She is going to see Niagara.

**175** Sent to A.S. Barnes N.Y. a money order for his bill \$10.00, and wrote to him.

Letter from Mrs. T. G. Colton, Hudson, N.Y. enclosing a dollar for Corday (75cts.) & if pleased with it, will order the largest.

Letter from Miss Hallowell Chicago, asking if casts principally intended for exhibition, should for joint use for that purpose and an art school, have the mould lines removed or not.

V. 27 + 5 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$1.15

Night Annual Meeting of the Trustees

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the gallery at 7 ½ p.m. Present, Dr. J.C. Hall, Prest, Messrs. Matthews, Riggs Hyde, McGuire, Cook, & Dr. Welling.

After the usual presentation of reports from Committees, the Curator presented & read his Annual (seventh Report, & his quarterly a/c of the Contingent Fund, which ^last^ was referred to Committee of Accounts, & the suggestion in his report to the Art, & Building Committees.

\$100 was voted to the Curator for the Contingent Fund. The ^same^ members of the Committees, & officers of the Building were re-elected.

It was ordered that the Evening Exhibitions begin on Thursday 15th.

Letters from B. Silliman in reference to buying ^Randolph^ Rogers' Statuary, of Williams & Everett, offering portrait of John Hancock by Copley \$(1500) & a picture by Allston; from D. W. Lee offering the "Power of Music" by Mount. – from Ross Turner & Charles Lang Munich calling attention to Drawing's from Old Masters for sale; from T.B. Tupper of the same purport – all were referred to Art Committee. Board adjourned. The night was cold, wet & stormy.

**176 Jan. 13**

A heavy fall of snow - the biggest of the season, though it melted away mostly in the course of the day.

Sent the "Washington Papers" to Mr ~~Was~~ Corcoran by Dr. Hunter.

Sent an abstract of my Annual Report to the "Star."

Rec'd a letter from Miss Mary A. Ripley of 610 Main st. Buffalo, requesting to be sent a dozen photos. on receiving which she would remit by draft or otherwise.

Mr Corcoran called, & expressed an interest in my having a copy of Appleton's Cyclopedia. He does not wish me to write about Mrs. Clay's letter but simply file it.

A Mr. Juvet called to show a photograph & description of a Time Globe which he has invented to show the time of day in any part of the world. He is a pleasant gentleman & invited me to his hotel to witness it.

Sent off Corday to Mrs. Colton, Hudson, Mich, & enclosed a list of an photographs with prices, in my letter.

V. 233 C. 19 \$4.75 P. \$6.25

#### **Jan. 14**

Bright, and bracing, little snow left except on house-tops.

Sent for Mr Chamberlin to put in 9 panes of glass, & letter the front door. he estimates putting in 10 frames at \$860 I mentioned it to Mr Hyde, who suspends assent until Buildg. Com: meets. But I was allowed to have Chamberlen to letter the door & new bronze the outside lamps.

Mrs. E. Bartlett, Charlottesville Va. wishes to send here for sale 8 pictures by herself, Will write to me from C.

- 177** Mrs. wishes to dispose of a copy of Nordhem's engraving of the Sisto Madonna. Referred her to Mr Barlow.

Took Mr Andrews' receipt to Mr Hyde.

Sent to Mr Riggs, for the Art Committee, the 7 letters referred to it at the Annual Meeting. Also gave to Mr Hyde the points in my report for the Building Committee. He thinks it useless.

Mr Josh. McGuire & friend called & examined the galleries.

Wrote to Dr. Welling, & requested to bear in mind when he meets Mr Riggs in Committee about the letters given to latter, to mention the call I made in my report for a new color on the P. Gallery walls.

Mr Hyde sent up a letter fo Mr Corcoran from Mrs. D.M. Day Bloomfield, giving a list of some old pictures she wishes to sell, being in reduced circumstances.

V. 76 + 5 \$19.00 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$1.25

**Jan. 15**

Mild & cloudy.

Letter from Geo. Corliss, Secy Penn. Acady of Fine Arts acknowledging receipts of 28 photos. & conveying thanks of Trustees.

Sent to Mr Riggs a note in reference to my suggestion of having certain pictures that are cracked, repaired.

Col & Mrs Andrews introduced by Dr Hill.

Mrs. Galt, sister-in-law of Galt, the sculptor, & Miss Capron his cousin, & the former gave interesting particulars of the artist. They will try & send me photographs of him & his works. he made but one statue – of Jefferson, at Charlottesville -& one statuette Aurora, his other works were Hebe, Psyche, Hope & others in style. It is said they were all portraits of ladies whom he hopelessly loved.

**178** Miss Welling called & took away her photo of the Cortona Muse.

Mr Abert called to see about sending his bust of Franklin to the Capitol, as he wishes to dispose of it.

## First Night Exhibition

The night attendance was very limited & was mostly composed of strangers.

Day V. 525 C. 31 \$7.75 P. 75cts.

Night V.  $\frac{144 + 6}{669 + 6}$  \$14.40 C.  $\frac{10}{41}$  \$2.50 P. 75cts

**Jan. 16**

Raw & foggy.

Told Mr Hyde of Mr Matthews wish to have the windows repaired & he authorizing me to order the work, sent for Mr Chamberlen.

Hung Mrs. Mechlin's picture of the "Young Communicant" & Forsberg's "Lamplight effect" in the gallery.

Mr Andrews' picture of Harrison was varnished & will be hung in the Gallery tomorrow.

Dr Hall called.

V. 71 + 14 \$17.50 C. 10 \$2.50 P. 75cts.

**Jan. 17**

Foggy and mild.

Dr Jouy brought photos. & I certified bill for \$73.65.

Hung Andrews' "Prest. Hayes" in east Gallery – a good work.

- 179 Recd a letter from Architect Clark, notifying me that the statue of Tecumseh. must not be given up to any but the representatives ^or attorney^ of its owner D. DeWitt Clinton Van Tulyer. Enclosed was a note from Mr C. B. Norton requesting ~~not~~ me to acknowledge receipt of Clarke's paper.

Letter from Mr Abert requesting me to send him my opinion of the value of the bust by Ceracchi of Franklin.

The Secy of State sent to me a letter to him from Mr Vorhees Chairman of the Library Committee of Congress, requesting permission to hang the Portraits of Ashburton & Webster in the Diplomatic Room of the State Departnt. which the Secy, acceded to, & his chief clerk, ordered the pictures to be removed, which was done, I taking a receipt. Mr Corcoran said it was all right.

A "Mount" for \$1,000.

Answered letters of Miss Hallowell & Miss Ripley. Mr Corcoran gave me the letter of D. W. Lee, asking if he would send it here for inspection, at our expense – to & fro if unsold, but if bought, transportation at his expenses also stated we had a "Mount," far below in cost to his.

Professor & Mrs. Siddons called.

Major Elliott & father called.

V. 570 C. 30 \$7.50 P. \$5.35

**Jan. 19**

Monday. Bright and mild.

Anniversary of the Opening of this Gallery – private day.

Letter from Doll & Richards Boston, asking if the Trustees are willing to exhibit in this Gallery "Lincoln at Gettysburg". Replied that they were not.

Replied to Mr Abert's letter. Will give "opinion" in 3 days.

- 180 Mr Bradley called, & said he would prepare to-day to put up the derrick for removing pedestals.



Took Messers Norton's & Clark's to the latter at the Capitol. Mr Clark wishes ^me^ merely to file the letters & notify Mr Norton of that fact only. He thinks that until we have some evidence from the heirs of Pettrich the sculptor that it was sold to Dr Van Tuyl or a bond of enmity from Dr Van Tuyl, or Col. Norton which will protect the Government, & this Gallery. Have placed them on file.

Some lunatic has sent the following card to the Gallery, which (if possible) explains itself:

[Index card pasted into text.]

Portraiture vs. Photography. x Virgil. (1 **necpiroly**)

The three able portrait painters in the world, are a god; a devil; and, the camera: 1. A god paints a devil a god, because he sees only the-god. 2. A devil paints a god ↑x↓ a devil (at best), he ^can^ appreciate only the-devil (-- the mephitical) in the world. 3. The camera paints both as they are. There is a very complex secret of the success of some portrait painters: It is not due to intended flattery; it is art, combined with the individuality of the artist. Neither is it ^1^ ability. The same law rules in the critic, hence every critic makes a different criticism of the same subject. I often see the Corcoran Gallery in the papers, that is the reason I send this card. Jan. 17-80. (I2, 137.) Nix for **ungude**. Mall stick , per J. Muma.

V. 52 + 6 \$13.00 C 7 \$1.75 P. \$1.50

Dr. Hall & Hill called-.

The following article (unauthorized by anyone in this Gallery appeared in the "Post" of to-day.

[The following article was pasted into the volume.]

Impeding a Noble Design.

The Obstacle Which Prevents an Enlargement of the Corcoran Art School.

One man, and one man only, stands in the way of one of the most important and desirable additions to the art attractions of Washington. Mr. W.W. Corcoran is anxious to expend under his own direction a sum of money sufficiently large to increase by two or three-fold the accommodations of the present munificently endowed Corcoran art gallery and for a long time has been cooperating with the trustees of that institution to acquire a lot of land necessary to the proposed extension. The association owns directly north of the present building four lots fronting on Seventeenth street. These lots, however, are divided by a small tract owned by a wealthy gentleman, and although incumbered with no improvements and being held admittedly for speculative purposes, all efforts to induce

him to put a fair price upon the property have been futile. It is his uncompromising disposition, not to apply the harsher appellation of avarice, alone which prevents the immediate prosecution of this most desirable enterprise. A large portion of Mr. Corcoran's fame is associated with the Corcoran art gallery. It was a noble gift, alike worthy of the donor and the city, but as rare as are its treasures and as honorable as it already is to its founder and administrators, it may be considered as but the nucleus of the institution which Mr. Corcoran's present liberality designs. It is really matter of public concern that so small an impediment should be allowed to stand in the way of the prosecution of the great work, and the purpose of suggesting some action on the part of our citizens is The Post's object in calling attention to what otherwise might be deemed advance on the price which impartial appraisers might establish as its market value, but unless some public action is taken it is quite likely nothing will be done, and not altogether impossible that the whole project may be abandoned. This information has been in our possession for a long time and is but justice to Mr. Corcoran to say that even so much publicly as we are now giving to it is in opposition to his judgment and wishes. His intentions have been a unostentatious as they have been munificent and The Post is simply endeavoring to their fruition.

**181 Jan. 20**

Bright and mild. Heavy rain at dawn.

Anniversary of the Opening of the Gallery to the Public, 6 years ago. Mr Bradley Sr. came & is preparing derrick for taking down pedestals.

"Post" sent a bill for \$1.00 for advertising Night Exhibitions, whereas I ordered one insertion. The paper advertised the day after, & charged for it. Will make them deduct the .50cts, when the monthly subscn. is ~~sent~~ called for.

Wrote to Gen. Cesnola of N.Y. Museum & to Mr Corliss of the Penn Acady of Fine Arts for estimated value of Ceracchi's busts.

Mr Corcoran's last offer to Adl Lee for his lot

Mr Corcoran called left to be ~~occupied~~ copied a letter from him to Adl. Lee, Jan. 12, -his last appeal for a sale of his (L's) lot in the rear of the Gallery. He proposes to let Lee select three gentleman holding lots on that square, or three real estate agents, to appraise the value of the lot owned by Lee, to which Mr Corcoran offers to add of 20 percent & all in cash. To this letter, written 8 days ago; Adl. Lee has returned no answer! Was there ever such a case of delightful obstinacy?

Drs. Hall & Hill came in.

H. N. Barlow sent order for 6 largest Cordays. Sent all we had four @ \$1.75 \$7.00, which added to previous a/c makes \$19.90, makes \$26.00. I wrote him to pay the whole at once for the Trustees ordered to demand cash payments in future.

V. 500 C. 32 \$8.00 P. \$8.25

**182 Jan. 21**

Bright and pleasantly cool – a strong northwester now.

Letter from D. W. Lee Esqr. N.Y. asking if at whose risk if destroyed or impaired.

Bradley is at work on the removal of the old pedestals. At 12 ½ o'clock, the derrick fell over into the street across the pavement, & struck the horse of Mr Bradley (attached to a buggy) on the back of the neck, killing him instantly. Fortunately no persons were passing at the time, though two ladies had passed ~~fr~~ in time to escape death. It made a sensation, & a crowd collected. The derrick was shattered so as to be useless.

Col & Mr Prelem of N.C. introduced by card from Senator Ransom.

Card from C. W. Robinson, Limestone, Catt: Co. N.Y. asking if he could get copies of Corday. Wrote, & gave prices.

Rec'd 4th. vol. of L'Art, & bill for the same \$9.00 from Bouton.

Dr Hall came in.

Dr Barbarin left at 3 p.m.

Mr L S Wilson called to talk about Adl. Lee's refusal to sell the ~~Gall~~ lot adjoining the Gallery.

V. 58 \$14.50 C. 10 \$2.50 P. 7.50

**183 Jan. 22**

Rainy and dark.

Many inquiries about the accident yesterday.

Mr Bradley has erected a new derrick at the corner niche, but the rain stopped him at noon.

Letter from Mrs. M. A. Riley Buffalo N.Y. enclosing \$8.00, but stating that she had got nine photos. at a greater discount charged her at the same rate as with the preceding

purchase \$7.47 & returning her 53cts. in 25cts note & stamps for 28cts. She is a teacher of Art in Buffalo.

Sent ^D.W^ Lee's letter to Mr Corcoran, who sent word Mr Hyde would answer it. Sent Bouton's bill, \$9.00 to Mr Hyde.

Mr Riggs sent up all the letters referred to the Art Committee which were marked "answered" by Committee, but to what effect I know not. He sent a note stating that the letters of Mr Lang & Mr Turner, are not answered by Comtee. because written to, me & Mr Corcoran.

Annoyed ^by^ one front-leg of the deer of Diana, was broken off. Sent to the "Smithsonian" for Mr Citti, to repair it, but Mr Palmer head workman ^in^ plaster, came & agreed to repair it tomorrow. He is going to England in a month & says he can get another hand for Polyhymnia.

The weather at night was very bad with heavy rain & of course the attendance at the Gallery was small.

Day V. 320 C. 25 \$6.25 P. 10.45

Night V. 113 + 4 \$11.30 C. 10 2.50

Total 437 \$11.30 35 \$8.75 \$10.45

## 184 Jan. 23

Bright & beautiful again – though cooler in afternoon.

Note from Wm. B. Clarke & Son, Kalamazoo, Mich, asking price of largest Corday – Sent it on a postal card.

Mrs. Clay's paintings

Mr Hyde sent up letter to Mr Corcoran from Mrs. Susan M. Clay in reference to her 3 paintings, which came in a box from Louisville, the "Old Woman" is a very fine subject, painted in Brussels in 1813 by C.P. Verliulis (?) Another and the largest is a an excellent portrait of a young man, in medieval costume, & the other a head of a saint – said to be Murillo, but I don't believe it. The artist of the larger picture is unknown. The "Old Woman" is not for sale, the others are, but no price is given. They are all to be placed in Exhibition.

Judge James sent to have Baker's portrait of Profr. Andrews sent to the Artist in New York. It was done.

Mr Palmer came & repaired the deer very well for \$1.50.

Wrote to Ross Turner artist, Munich, reporting the non-action of Art Committee on his & Mr Lang's letters.

Wrote to C.B. Norton, New Haven, acknowledging receipt of his & Mr Clarke's letters, & that were placed in file here.

Letter from Miss Hallowell of Chicago asking where we got our Roman Casts.

V. 60 + 2 \$15.00 C. 3 75cts. P. 75cts.

**185 Jan. 24**

Bright & pleasant – extraordinary winter.

Letter from Mr Corliss stating that the Franklin by Ceracchi in Penn. Acad. of F. Arts, was registered in its archives as bought in 1871 for \$120!

Letter from Genl. Cesnola states that he cannot give any information about the value of the Ceracchi bust of Franklin here. He does not allude to the Houdon bust.

Statue of Phidias

The statue of Phidias in its box was brought to the front of the building early & at ¼ past two, & it was successfully placed on its new pedestal, where it looks remarkably well indeed, though he face is not as strong and Grecian as it might be.

Mr Keller of Ordnance Dept. brought a silver & snuff-box that once belonged to Lord Fairfax of Greenway Court Va, & a shoe-buckle once own worn – by his Lordship's mother, owned by a Mr Massy, descendent of Fairfax's housekeeper, which with a letter to Mr Corcoran he wishes to see.

Mr Corcoran & Admiral Lee

Lee's rudeness

Mr Corcoran called just before the statue was placed, but poor man, could not see it. He sent to his house for the 3 books of engravings from Greek Vases with descriptive matter by Sir Wm. Hamilton. He would like to know the meaning of them. He took no interest in the so-called Fairfax snuff-box & shoe-buckle, & would not hear Mr Keller's letter read. He referred to Admiral Lee & told me that Warner the real estate agent sent Mr Wilson to buy the vacant lot for him – W. was almost rudely thrust from his (Lee's house) though he afterwards sent an apology to Warner. I heard all this last night from Mr Wilson! Was there ever such a man?

**186 Mrs James came & settled about the cost of boxing & freight of the Profr. Shepherd portrait by Baker.**

Dr Hall came in, & is delighted with the statue.

V. 825 C. 39 \$9.75 P. \$4.00

**Jan. 26**

Bright and mild.

Note from Dr Barbarin stating he is ill, & may not be here to-day.

President Hayes called after the gallery was closed on Saturday to see his portrait, & to learn something about the statue of Phidias.

Mr Erastus Brooks from New York, came with a party of friends from me. Went through the gallery with them.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called. The former brought a letter from A.B. Beck Steubenville O. in reference to the work by Sir Wm. Hamilton. Wants \$500. for it.

Statue of Raphael raised.

Mr Bradley raised the statue of Raphael to its niche without accident. It surprises us all by its excellence, for the photo, filled us with misgivings. Every body admires it. I like it better than Phidias.

V. 58 \$14.50 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$6.95

**Jan. 27**

Rainy, & dark & dismal.

Wrote notice of the statues & took it to the "Star", it was printed in the issue of to-day.

A large portion of 300 excursionists from Massts. & New. Hamp visited the gallery, & were delighted.

Mrs. Carter, a friend of Mr Corcoran, & relative of Gen Lee, called to examine the St. Memin portraits. It seems that she

187 wrote the sketch of G. W. Parke, for Dexter's photographic edition of these portraits, and wished she had a copy of Custis' portrait. Mr Dexter had given her several duplicates of these portraits, I gave her the name of Mr Smith near Phila. who, Mr Sartain told me, had a complete sett of them.

Mrs. Riley, Buffalo, has rec'd her photos. & offers an essay on Milo. Mr Abert called about the evaluation of Ceracchi's Franklin which he wishes to sell to Congress, and I expressed in writing my concurrence with the estimate put upon its value by Messrs.

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G.P.A. Healy & Joel T. Hart \$5,000. Answered Miss Hallowell's letter about the  
Capitoline Venus.

V. 400 C. 48 \$11.95 P. \$10.65

### Jan. 28

Bright and very mild again.

Mr Bradley removed the last of the old front niche pedestals, and put up the new ones.  
Made out his bill \$195. & got it.

Entire cost of Phidias & Raphael statues

Acknowledged in a letter to Mrs. Clay, Louisville, the safe arrival of her 3 paintings.

Cost of the statues of Phidias, & Raphael, \$600, each.

Cost of the freight &c from Rome to N. York (each) 105.87 ½

Cost of the freight to Gallery (each) 31.23 ½

Cost of the new pedestals & erecting statues (each) 57.50

Total cost of each statue \$794.61

Miss Jones (Mr Corcoran's niece) sent for & procured her sett of photographs put up for  
her some time ago, with 3 new ones.

Dr Welling called & stated on the part of the Art-Committee that it was not authorized to  
change the color of the Gallery walls.

V. 72 + 17 \$18.00 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$2.00

### 188 Jan. 29

Bright and pleasant.

Letter from the Boston Museum of Art, acknowledging photos.

Letter from Mrs. C. F. Carlin, Chicago, inquiring upon what terms she can copy pictures  
in this Gallery. Wrote & sent Regulations.

1500 copies new Catalogue

Ordered 1500 copies of new edition of Catalogue.

Postal from Miss Hallowell, Chicago, asking for last Catalogue.

Mr Youman Attorney General S. Ca called with Dr Hall.

Mr. Keller took away the Fairfax Snuff box, & shoe-buckle.

The attendance at night was much larger than formerly-chiefly strangers.

V. Day 725 C. Day 37 \$9.25 P. \$4.00

V. Night 278 1003 \$25 C. Night 11 2.75 P. 60  
48 \$12.00 \$4.60

### Jan. 30

Mr. H. K. Brown ^sculptor^ & nephew came in with Mr F.B. McGuire. He looks much better than when he was here 2 years ago. He thinks Ezekiel's work is "hopeful". Gave him a sett of the Barye photographs.

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Weather cloudy but mild.

Wrote to Mr. M.A. Riley, Chicago, to send her essay on Milo here, if designed as a present to this Gallery.

Postal-carded Miss Hallowell, that I will send you a copy of the new Catalogue in a fortnight.

Mr Corcoran & Mr Ezekiel

Mr Corcoran came in, & instructed me simply to tell Mr. Ezekiel of the satisfaction given to the Board, himself & the public, & to send on the other two as soon as possible, when the matter of the other would be decided.

Mr Corcoran also directed to write to Mr D. C. Lee, & say that a sett of the Hamilton Vases ~~can be got~~ was bought for \$100.

Mr Matthews came & expressed his admiration of the Statues.

V. 92 x 10 \$23.00 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$8.20

### 189 Jan. 31

Cloudy with some rain – but mild. An usually mild January.

Paid \$2.50 to Mrs McMahon for washing.

Wrote to A.B. Beck, stating his work by Sir Wm. Hamilton on the Greek Vases" was rec'd, & a bound copy is in this city, costing \$100.

Wrote to Mr Ezekiel, Rome, that his two statues were up, & gave general satisfaction. I repeated to him Mr Corcoran's message, to forward the Angelo & Raphael as soon as



possible, and when here, there will be a decision about the remaining statues for the side of the building.

Mr Ulke took away the unfinished likeness of Mr Corcoran. Dr Jouy sent al lot of Charlotte Cordays.

V. 415 C. 26 \$6.50 P. \$4.75

## **Feb. 2**

Monday. Bright & very cold. A wintry day.

Letter from Mrs. S. M. Bradley, Durham, Conn. requesting me to forward her picture (of Angelo) to be sent to her by express, to to pay for boxing & freight. Wrote her enclosing packing bill, & receipt of express man, & declining, as against our rules to pay freight.

Mr Brown sculptor: says he has a book of illustration of Etruscan Vases for this gallery. Sent Illustrated New, PortFolio & Harper for /79 to be bound.

Mr Andrews called after a long absence.

Mr Ulke brought back the crayon portfolio of Mr Corcoran.

Sent corrected proof to the printers of the Catalogue.

Mr Patterson of N.Y. called to examine one picture Gallery with a view to furnish a design for decorating it by his partner Mr Stiepevich at Mr Bierstadts suggestion.

- 190** Mr Hyde brought a letter to Mr Corcoran from Mareus J. Wright, War Dept. requesting permission for Carl Guthrey, artist in Memphis, to exhibit here his picture of "Awakening of Spring." Wrote to Mr Wright to send the picture here, & he relied the picture is in Memphis. I then enclosed a copy of our Regulations for Exhibitionists to Mr W. to be sent to the artist.

Admiral Lee has replied to Mr Corcoran "his lot is not for sale!"

V. 66 \$16.45 C. 8 \$2.00 P \$3.00

## **Feb 3**

Ground covered with a deep snow that fell last night.

Paid John Mann for clearing off snow - \$1.00.

Sent copy of Regulations for Exhibitors to Mr M.J. Wright.

Mr Victor Mindelheff applied for & got copyist's card for the east gallery.

Wrote to Mr Le Clear with bill of his indebtedness for freight charges & prepaid in April 26. /79: under cover to Mr. Bierstadt, artist, whom I requested to direct it to him.

Mr Corcoran called to meet Dr Hall, & left. Dr Hall afterwards came in, & said he had seen Mr C. He shewed a copy of his letter to Admiral Lee, offering his 3 lots for \$1.50 per foot! as long as he can't get the former's.

Much saddened by a letter from Santa Barbara Cal. notifying me of the death of my only surviving brother Robert, who has been in ill health some time, & whose death I expected.

Mr C. also brought here a letter from Mr Griffis, Lecturer on Japan, who referring to the slight description of the Japanese Vase, gives a full description.

V. 284 C. 26 \$6.50 75cts

of its bass-reliefs, the meaning &c. Much of this I knew, but the bulk of the catalogue would not permit its introduction without enlarging it too much. I will introduce it when the collection called for more pages.

## 191 Feb. 4

Bright, cool & pleasant – much snow melted, but enough for sleighing – cold & rough in the afternoon.

Letter from A. B. Beck, Steubenville, requesting an early statement of the price the Board will give, or return the work at once. Shewed it to Mr Corcoran who at once ordered the work to be returned, which I have done, notifying Mr Beck, of its being sent by express.

Dr Kindelberger of the Navy dropped in after an absence of 2 ½ years in Japan & China.

Mr Corcoran called & selected the last finished crayon portrait of himself by Ulke, though he wants him to alter the moustache. he wishes me to send to Profr Griffis copies of our photos of the Japanese Vases.

Wrote a "postal" to Mr Ulke, to come & alter Mr C's portrait.

V. 79 + 2 \$19.75 C. 22 \$5.50 P. \$2.00

## Feb. 5.

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Letter from Mr. Riley, Buffalo, stating her essay is too long to use as I suggested, for reference- that it ought to be published in neat form by itself, "if ever acquainted with printer's ink."

Advertised night-exhibition this evening in the "Star"- 75cts.

A Mr Freund fresco-painter N.Y. & proposed certain method of coloring the Picture ^G.^ Wall. He took measurements & will send colored designs & estimate.

- 192** Mrs. T. Elliott called to express a wish of Mrs. James Furniss of Phila. to sell or exhibit here a painting by Leutze of the "First Return of Columbus to Ferdinand & Isabella at Barcelona".

Mrs Elliott took a copy of the Regulations, & I told that Mrs. F. had better send the picture on.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came in.

Wrote to Profr. W.E. Griffis, Schenectady N.Y. & sent photos of Jape. Vases.

I was absent at night, being unwell.

Day V. 672 C 46 \$11.50 P. \$7.75

Night V. 221 \$20.80 C 14 3.50

Total 893 \$20.80 60 \$15.00 \$7.75

## Feb. 6

Bright and pleasantly cool.

Letter from Jas. K. Hoyt N.Y. enclosing money order for \$6.00. by request of Mr Le Clear, who had supposed his son had sent it – the balance over the bill \$5.55 – 45cts. for any extras for postage &c. Mr Le Clear will write in a few days. Charged 15 cts for postage & enclosed 300cts in stamps in reply.

Mrs. Champion called & ~~took away~~ about the portrait of Danl. Webster, left here through Dr Hall. There is a hole in the canvass which looks apparently fresh, & if done since left here, shall be repaired at our expense.

Portrait of Chf. Justice J. Marshall by R. Sully declined by Mr Corcoran.

Mr Hyde sent up a letter to Mr Corcoran from Mrs. S. E. Baylor, Winchester Va. offering to sell an old painting of "A Knight"- which she will send for inspection, & invited to bring it on when she visits Washington.

- 193** Letter from D. D. Benson, Buffalo, requesting a "large photograph of "Cattle of the Ford" by Hart. Sent to him a "~~postal~~" letter stating that we have but one size- Sent it to him, with also bill for same.

Ad. Lee's refusal to sell

Mr Corcoran called & gave directions about filing copies of his correspondence with Admiral Lee about the lot, which Mr C. wants. Lee in his last letter declines selling – "The lot is not for sale." Mr Corcoran is much vexed over Lee's refusal to aid (by selling his ground) the design of a free Academy of Art.

Paid Boardman & Co. \$2.67 Amt of bill for Periodicals.

Dr Hall called.

V. 88 -9 \$22.00 C 10 \$2.50 P \$ 75cts

**Feb. 7**

Bright and very pleasant.

Letter from R. D. Wilson N.Y. asking if "Woman's Devotion" would be bought by the gallery, & if not, whether it would be allowed to hang here longer. Wrote him that the purchase of it was declined, & it might remain for the present.

Letter from S. Thayer artist, Syracuse N.Y. asking if we had photos of "Lost Dogs" – "Watering Trough" & "Marching Regiment", & asks if we will take stamps for them. Wrote that we had them, but money would suit us better.

Chamberlin's man finishes gilding of lamp-posts.

Miss Tunstall & Miss Jones called. The former has not been here for two years. She looks very well.

V. 650 C. 38 \$9.50 P. \$12.40

**194 Feb. 9/80**

Bright and pleasantly cool.

Letter from Mrs. S. M. Bradley, Conn. enclosing \$2.00 for box of her picture & sent a receipt on postal card.

Mr Gray (son of the painter) & Mr McKaig, Mrs. G. intends to offer the "Origin of the Flag" to Congress.

Mr H.K. Brown called. He says Preston Powers is in the city. I expressed a desire to see him.

Mr Ulke called & altered Mr. Corcoran's crayon portrait.

Mr Clark, architect, called with Mr a French gentleman & got photos. The latter has several specimens of repousse work, & a word carving which he wishes to exhibit here.

Mr Andrews called; he has a prospect of disposing of his "Martha Washington" for the Executive Mansion, to Congress.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called.

V. 76 + 8 \$19.00 C. 8 \$2.00 Photo 40cts

**Feb. 10**

Cloudy, bitterly cold, & signs of snow.

Saw Gibson about new catalogues – only sent up a few—will send up a hundred or so tomorrow.

LeClear's order \$6.00

Cashed order for \$6.00 from Hoyt for Mr. Le Clear, paid 75 cts to Williams.

195 Letter from Profr Baird, requesting me to call over tomorrow at the Smithsonian to see if a Washington portrait there is fit for exhibition in this gallery.

Bolt of front door broken. Taylor is to place a new one there.

A young lady friend ^of Mr Clarke^ called to examine Owen's floral designs.

Miss Manning & brother, called.

Mr Andrew's "Martha Washington at the President's House

Saw Mr Corcoran & went with him to the Executive Mansion to see his "Martha Washington", which is hung in the East Room – as a pendant to the Washington-both on the East side. The picture looks very fine & its color is superb - & the subject ^being feminine^ altogether giving the effect of stately elegance to that grand saloon. Mr Andrews went there today to decorate that room with flags for the grand select reception this evening to the Diplomatic corps, the older officers of the Army & navy. Mrs. Hayes came in for a moment with directions, but the room was too cold to remain. She appears to be in her plain morning black-dress, a buxom, but not possessing the dignity one would like to see in the mistress of that Mansion.

Dr Hall called.

Mr Corcoran called & ordered requested that Ulke be told to take both crayon-portraits of him to his studio, & he will give him a sitting & then he will select the best. Wrote this to Ulke.

Issue of the new edition of Catalogues

Sent reply to J.H. Woods, Art Assocn. Jacksonville Ills. stating Trustees decline including that body in the free gift of its photos.

V. 425 Cats. 28 \$6.95 P. \$10.75

**196 Feb 11.**

Bright and very mild.

Went to Smithsonian Institution & saw the Washington Portrait – painted ^by^ Peale – relative of C. W. Peale – meager & hard in style, but there is a certain **vraisemblance** in the features – nose & mouth good. The straps of the epaulettes bear each three stars – which I never saw before in any portrait of Washington, Professor Baird afterwards brought to the Gallery the letter from the owner a Mr E. Celadon Bryce of Winchester, Va. He wishes to sell it to Congress. Profr. B. is to write to him suggesting him to place it in this gallery for awhile.

Gibson & Bros. sent 195 catalogues of new edition.

Got a letter from Mr Ezekiel stating that the ^M. Angelo is finished, & the Durer will soon be, & wishing to know whether they are to be sent together. He also wishes a colossal bust of Washington (designed for the Centennial) now lying in the N. Y. Custom House, to be submitted to Secy Evarts' notice as a suitable monument to Washington on the site of his birth-place in Westmoreland Co. This letter was read to Mr Corcoran.

Mr Ulke took away the two portraits of Mr C. who will see him.

Mrs. Profr. Newcomb & friends called.

Note from N. J. Wright (War Records Office) stating that Mr Carl Guthrey, painter of "Awakening of Spring will forward it for exhibition – size 4 ½ x 6 ½ ft.

V. 84 + 17 \$21.00 C. 15 \$3.75 P. \$4.40

**197 Feb. 12**

Rainy, but the sun is struggling to shine out. Very mild.

Saw the acting Chief Clerk of State Dept. about Mr Ezekiel's request referring to the Colossal Bust of Washington, & by his suggestion wrote an official letter to Mr. Evarts Secy of State, enclosing extract from Ezekiel's letter. Afterwards told Mr Corcoran of this, & showed the letter to Mr Hyde.

Mrs Dall called & after examining St. Memin's Portraits said she would bring a heliotype of Judge Brice, which is not in St M's volume, but is ^in^ the photograph copy marked as unknown.

Altered position of fireman's bell – placed ^it^ near platform over cellar-steps.

There was a heavy rain at night, & the number of visitors was few.

Day 465	C. 42 \$10.50	P. \$3.75
Night 156 + 12 = 1680	\$15.60 C. <u>16</u>	<u>4.00</u>
Total	\$15.60 \$58 \$14.50	\$3.75

### Feb. 13

Bright & very mild, though afterwards cloudy.

Mr Talented friend Miss Tunstall of Va. now stopping at Mr Corcoran's, came in & spent two hours in the galleries.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called.

Private note from Mr Wilson McDonald & announced it.

Mr Guillaume is to send up a portrait of a Virginia Governor.

Mrs. Randolph (who sent the portrait of Chief Justice Marshall) called & left ~~an~~ a smaller ecclesiastical (Catholic) painting, Crowning of the Virgin. The back is of tortoise-shell.

V. 93 + 12 \$23.25 C. 20 \$5.00 P. \$4.25

### 198 Feb. 14

Bright, cool & breezy.

Letter from Mr Walters Balt. inquiring if the Peabody Institute, could have thin casts painted by the painter of ours – the cast of the work – and how experience has decided upon the value of the process. Wrote him & recommended Mr Jus. H. Sullivan, assistant to the late Mr Todd. Quoted the prices, we paid, expressed the entire satisfaction given by painting the casts, & suggesting that Mr Sullivan be sent for, & then agree with him about the cost.

Letter to James K. Hoyt N.Y. (all the address) was returned to me this morning – just as I expected.

Dr Barbarin went home ill at noon.

Mrs Gen. J. Grant Wilson & friends of N.Y. called & introduced themselves in our office. Her husband lectures tonight on Millard Fillmore.

Lemmer, bell-hanger, has finished his work.

V. 630 C. 34 \$8.45 P. \$8.50

**Feb. 16**

The snow-storm predicted for this day, is not here. The weather is bright and genial.

Letter from Earle & Son Phila. for list of Photos. Sent them.

Mr Corcoran called with a lot of engravings (photo-gravaur proofs of illustrations for "Art Treasures". He desired me to write to them, & state his satisfaction, & give any suggestions of my own, to Gebbie & Barrie, the publishers. Some of the proofs are very good others bad. A strange mistake is made by them in engraving Correggio's "Noces", as from the original by Raphael Mengs, instead of the subject in our Gallery. The portrait of Mr. Corcoran is too dark. The letter press is by Mr E. Strahan and is written in a flashy newspaper critic style unworthy of such a work. Will write to morrow.

Dr Hall came & soon after he received a ^copy of a^ letter (anonymous) upon the offer of Mr Corcoran to Admiral Lee which he wrote to the latter, urging him to accept the offer. Dr Hall sent the letter to Mr Corcoran.

Publication of the Admiral Lee Lot correspondence

In Saturday's "Star" the whole correspondence about Admiral Lee's lot, between him, Dr Hall & Mr Corcoran, appeared under a spicy heading. This morning there was much talk about it, & Dr Hall says he saw several persons yesterday (Sunday) looking at the lot! – as though it had been the scene of a murder!

No. of V. 76 \$17.50 C. 13 \$3.25

P. \$1.50

**Feb 17**

Bright & mild.

My letter to Mr. C. B. Norton in reference to the "Tecumseh" statue & addressed to him Tontine Hotel, New Haven, returned through the Dead Letter Office.

Secy of State Evarts, sent a letter in reply to mine about Mr Ezekiel's bust of Washington, in which he declines E's proposition.

50 copies of the "Star" containing the correspondence about the Admiral Lee Lot, no doubt ordered by Mr Corcoran.



- 200** Mr Corcoran came in with Miss Welling & Miss Jones. Miss W. says the print which Gebbie & Barrie sent on as of an "Adoration of the Shepherds" by R. Mengs in this Gallery" is not as I supposed of Correggio's La Notte. She thinks it is another of Mengs' "Adorations" or Holy Family. I have concluded not to write to G. & B. until I settle that point.

Mr Guillaume sent up his picture of Wyndam Robertson, Govr. of Virginia, 1836. It is in Guillaume's bad color.

Mr Dwight Librarian of Dept of State, left me a card for ^Rev.^ Mr Knapp's Lectures on the Philosophy of Art.

V. 540 \$ C 36 \$9.00 P. \$2.00

### **Feb. 18**

Cloudy & mild, with signs of rain.

Saw last night a photo of Correggio's La Notte, which proved I was mistaken that Gebbie & Barrie's print represented it. Wrote to them & notified them that it was not from our Raphael Mengs.

Letter from Jas S. Earle & Sons, Phila. conveying an order for various photos. and requesting me to send a number of others for them to see. Filled the order ↑for↓ and sent 14 others for examination. See letter (copied) of this date.

Mr H. N. Barlow sent for copies of Lost Dogs, Corday & Vestal.  
Declined for the present.

Letter from Carl Guthertz, Washington University, St. Louis, stating that he had yesterday despatched to this Gallery his picture of "Awakening of Spring" painted in Rome in 1876, & exhibited successfully in Rome & Munich.

- 201** Dr Hall is confined to his house by gout.

Miss Tunstall called and spent an agreeable hour examining our art-books &c and discussing the errors in Gebbie & Barrie proofs.

V. 58 + 5 \$14.50 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$1.75

### **Feb. 19**

Bright, with a cold northwest wind.

Admiral Lee's spite against the fence of the Gallery.

While our fireman was engaged in setting up a section of our picket-fence on 17th St. attached to Admiral's fence, that doughty sea-dog appeared & told him not to nail our fence to his, but sink a post for it! & grumbled about two boards of his fence being carried off! This is an illustration of the spiteful meanness of this Joe to art, & public improvement! I heard today that he had added a codicil to his will ordering that the lot Mr Corcoran's wishes, "shall never be sold to this Gallery!" And yet at his age, (over 70) he can count upon but few-more years, & then seven feet by three of ground, will be all he needs. There is a general feeling of indignation against him by the public. Here is a sketch to show his meanness. Owning so much ground beyond Adl Lee's lot, it seems extraordinary that any would refuse his lot to enable Mr Corcoran to cover the entire space as far as the alley with his proposed new building for the purposes of an Academy of Art- free.

[Insert sketch here]

- 202 Saw Barlow & explained why no more photos could be sent until he had paid for those, sent to him.

Dr Hunter called by Mr Corcoran's request to see if Venus in the Judgment of Paris, is like Miss Tunstall. He thinks it is somewhat. I don't.

Mr Corcoran called & got Dr Barbarin to read the correspondence about the removal of the Gallery from over the ground Admiral Lee claims!

The party of Southern Ute Indians came with their interpreter, & I took them through the galleries. They were all in civilian clothes, save Ouray's wife, who wore her native dress, & is really good-looking for a squaw. Ouray was not with them. They seemed much amused with what they saw, after laughing out loud, & Mrs. Ouray while looking at the Passing Regiment, began stepping out gaily in imitation of a soldier marching. They conversed in Spanish with their guide. I sent to Ouray, a copy of the Photo. of Spotted-Tail & tribe, and the Utes say they will be glad to come here & be taken in their Indian garb.

Rev Mr Knapp, lecturer on the philosophy of art, called with an introductory card from Mr Dwight. Revr. Mr McCauley of All-Souls Church was with him. Mr. K. will lecture in the vestry of that church. he seems to be an intelligent gentleman, & was interested in our photos.

Mr Keller called to see if Mr Guthrey's picture had come. I recd a letter from the latter, describing the picture & its history. I expect every day.  
Dr Jouy sent photographs.

- 203** Letter from Halsey C. Ives, Director of St. Louis School of Art; attached to the Washington University there, asking for reports, constitution & by-laws, &c regarding our organization to help them. Wrote & sent Catalogue, Regulations &c.

Owing to a high cold wind, the night attendance was not large. Mr Corcoran, Miss Jones, Miss Tunstall & Miss Nicholson came & enjoyed it. Mr Corcoran was enthusiastic over the appearance of the cast-room, & seemed to speak favorably of my suggestion that a half-dozen ^new^ good large pictures would be of service on the north-wall.

Sent of photos for examination to **Men** Earle & Sons Phila.

Day V. 600 C. 45 \$11.25 P. \$7.00

Night V. 221 \$21.00 C. 24 6.00 P. 1.50

821 \$21.00 C. 69 \$17.25 8.50

## **Feb. 20**

Bright and pleasantly cool.

Letter from Gebbie & Barrie, E. Strahan is the write of Art Treasures. They will lighten Mr Corcoran's portrait – will change “dingy” to “grave” but say nothing of the incorrect print of “Adoration of Shepherds”. Wrote to him to change “grave” to “chaste”.

Mr Guillaume called & got me an introductory the note to architect Clark, about the completion of the work in the Capitol by Brumidi, who is dead.

Mrs. Floyd of Staten Island, called with her children to look at the Gallery. She is a friend of Mrs. E. Brooks.

Gave receipt for 20 bundles of catalogues to Mr. Gibson.

Letter from Earle & Co Phila. enclosing \$10.40 – in cheque for photos. ordered, & returned. Will return the others. Wrote him.

- 204** Dr Hall called, & is in good spirits.  
The packages of photos. from Earle Co. came all night.  
Mr E. Clarke came with a delegation of the Board of Education, & took them through the Galleries.

V. 113 + 24 \$28.25 C. 13 \$3.25 \$10.40cts

## **Feb. 21**

Quite a fall of snow this morning, but soon stopped.

Letter from Jas. H. Cope, Colerain, O. asking if Painting on Glass was a “lost art”. He has a picture on glass, & wants to get an idea of its value. Answered it.

Wrote to Mr Ezekiel.

Gent. Le Duc of Agricultural Dept. called in his carriage with Mr Walker an artist, I knew 24 years ago, for me to go to the Dept. to see Mr W's equestrian portrait of himself & some South California Scenes. They were found very pleasing.

Mr Carl Guthrey's picture arrived from St Louis at 11 a.m. It is a fanciful representation of Spring as an beautiful women awaking out of sleep, while sprites are carrying away a drift of snow, & gathering apple-blossoms – a good idea, badly carried out, figure ill-drawn, & the colors representing no hue or feeling of awakening nature at that season.

Gen Birney called & suggested a means of coercing Admiral Lee to sell his lot through Congressional action, as the Government by releasing the Gallery from taxation should & does have a right to clear its way from all impediments. I introduced him to Mr Corcoran, who however did not seem inclined to push the war against Lee.

**205** Miss Tunstall & Miss Welling came & met Mr Corcoran.

Mr Appel of Surgn General's Office called, & corrected the date I gave in the Catalogue for the defeat of Varus B.C.9. to A.D.9. My authority was Anthon – his the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Dr Hall called wishes me to see Barbec's "Fisher Girl" & a femal bust (portrait) at Chapman's.

V. 490 C. 50 \$12.50 P. \$2.25

## **Feb. 23**

Monday. Celebration of Washington's birthday. Gallery open & admission free. Weather bright & mild.

Letter from Gebbie & Barrie. They have dropped their cut of Meng's "Adoration" & placed "sober in effect" in the description of the building.

Mr. Walters acknowledges in a letter, receipt of mine about their casts. Thinks my views will be adopted, says his gallery will be open to the public all the Wednesdays of March & April, for the benefit of the poor. He will send a few cards notifying the above, for me to place where they will be seen, "to help the floor".

Hung Guillaume's portrait of Gov. Wigham Robinson Va. in the gallery. Looks better than when down here.

Mr E. Clark, architect called – also Mr Lamb.  
Photographs received from Dr Jouy.

Mr Andrews had his portrait of Prest. Hayes taken away.

- 206** Acknowledged the arrival of "Awakening of Spring" in a letter to Carl Guthery, St. Louis.  
Mr Goldsborough called & examined the St. Memin vol.  
Parade of military with a marching salute to Mr Corcoran who came to the gallery with  
Miss Tunstall. Dr Hall called.

Visitors 479 C. 25 \$6.25 P. \$9.20

**Feb. 24**

Bright & mild.

Mr Guillaume brought the old painting belonging to Mr. Corcoran – much improved. Mr  
Corcoran came in & does not think it bettered.

Mr McDonald Sculptor

Mr McDonald, sculptor, called. He likes the "Awakening of Spring". Hung that picture on  
S.W. Gallery.

Hung the two old pictures from Mrs Clay in same gallery.

Mrs Gardner, brother of Mr Goldsborough, & friend, Col. Cummins, & Commodore  
Carter, all came in & examined the St. Memin Portraits.

Dr. Hall, & states that the "Star" will have another article on the Lee lot, tonight.

Wrote to Mr H. C. Ives, Director of the St Louis School of Design, & sent Catalogue &  
Regulations.

V. 482 C. 22 \$5.50 P. \$10.75

**207 Feb. 25**

Bright and very cold.

Saw the Interpreter of the Utes, who says that Ouray & his band are going to a  
Department to-day, & may not be here to be photographed before 2. p.m. – if at all,  
which is very doubtful.

On my return got a note from ^Miss^ Tunstall asking if the Indians would be here to-day as she leaves at 4 p.m. for Baltimore. Wrote to her what the interpreter says.

Mr Smilie came & took a new negative of Corday & of Preparing for Church.  
Mr Architect Clark called with Mr Barbee sculptor. He brought an engraving of Stothard's "Canterbury Pilgrims".

Mrs Randolph called & took away her small Catholic picture.

Note from Miss Vary, Ogdensburgh, N.Y. enclosing one dollar for a "Corday". Mailed it, & wrote to her.

Mr Corcoran, Miss Welling, Miss Tunstall, Miss Jones & Dr Hall all met here before 2 p.m. to meet Ouray & his band, who did not come. Miss Tunstall left for Baltimore at 4 p.m.

Mr Barbee, sculptor, called.

The "Republican" of to-day contains a severe & vulgar article full of falsehood, against Mr Corcoran in reference to the Lee lot, writing as if Lee had been offered any amount for it, and indulging in sneers at Mr Corcoran's "disloyalty", praise of Lee's "patriotism", & vulgar references to the "Louise Home" as being a questionable kind of benevolence, &c.

V. 101 \$22.00 C. 16 \$4.00 P. \$12.00

**208 Feb. 26**

Dark, and with some rain.

Letter from Mrs. James B. Clay, Louisville, acknowledging my receipt of her pictures. She says the injury to the old Woman's eye is of long standing, & thinks the others were injured when lined.

Two letters from Mr Walters, enclosing copies of Advertisements for our city papers, of his Gallery being opened for the benefit of the Poor on the Wednesdays of March & April, & enclosing a ticket for the same. He sent some cards by mistake. Recd telegram, & wrote that cards had come.

Printed circular from Penna Acady of Arts in regards to their coming exhibition.

Mr Walker, artist, called & spent an hour examining the Gallery.

Mr. Corcoran & Dr. Hall called.

Mr Hassler called to show me two old church pictures.

Day V. 375 C. 25 \$6.25 P. \$17.75

Night V. 144 \$13.10 C. 12 3.00 P. 2.25  
\$13.10 37 \$9.25 \$20.00

## Feb. [27]

Bright and warm enough for May. Therm in office 72°.

Letter from Mr Gray, authorizing "Flag" to be photographed. Have written to Mr Smilie.

Gave away large cards sent by Mr Walters to the Stationers.

Mr Andrews has sold his "Martha Washington" to Congress for \$3,000.

Saw Mr Barbee's "Fisher Girl" to find it good, excepting the neck which is too rigid.

- 209 Saw the crayon portraits of Duncan of N.Y. of Mrs Langtney, and three other English beauties, and though the work is well done, the beauty of these ladies, are far below the standard of American female loveliness.

Bought for the Gallery from Boardman & Co. British Art for 1880, a record of what was done in the year 1879, by the various Art institutions in G. Britain.

Had Mr Walters' advertisements sent to the "Post", "Republican" "Star" & "Critic".

Dr Hall called.

Mr Thomas is putting up a new picket fence on 17th. St.

V. 82 + 11 \$20.50 C. 11 \$2.75 P. 75cts

## Feb. 28

Cloudy with rain, though very mild.

Letter from Mr Walters in reference to his Gallery open for the benefit of the poor", & the advertisements.

Mr Thomas has finished the fence, & will make a gate six feet wide.

Mr Smilie brought over negatives of Corday & Preparing for Church, & though it is cloudy, will try a negative of Origin of the Flag. It was successful.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came in, the former in high spirits.

Dr Jouy brought a lot of photos. great & small.

V. 310 C. 23 \$5.75 P. \$4.25

**210 March 1**

Bright & with a pleasant breeze.

Letter from Mr Guthertz, enclosing Regulations signed.

Letter from Mr Ezekiel Rome, saying he is boxing the statues of Angelo & Durer, which will be at once shipped. He sent also a paper, containing ^a^ notice of his work.

Dr Jouy bill for \$81.30 certified.

Dr Corning called.

Mrs. Towle asked to have two portraits exhibited.

Dr Hall sent up Dubourg's Views of Rome, as a present.

Bought a picture-brush for the Gallery.

V. 50 + 3 \$12.50 C. 3 75cts. P. 25cts.

**March 2.**

Bright and mild.

Sent word to Miss Welling that my wife's illness would prevent from escorting her to Dr Corning's lecture.

Dr Corning sent up three complimentary single-tickets to his lectures.

D.D. Benson of Buffalo 2d. letter.

Wrote to D. D. Benson, Buffalo, reminding him of the photograph sent to him ("Drove at the Ford") on Feb. 6, & that he had not acknowd. its arrival, nor paid for it.

Ordered a new faucet for the wash-room.

Left for home at ¼ to 2 p.m. by illness of my wife.

V. 495 C. 18 \$4.75 P. \$7.75

**211 Mch. 3**

Raining in the morning – bright afterwards.

Obliged to remain at home all day by illness of my wife.

Letter from Genl. Eaton introducing M. Felix Rigamey, a French gentleman now studying the organization & methods of art-instruction in this country.



Letter from W. A. Yates, inquiring about the photo-of the Cattle Scene, promised when he called with Mr Corcoran.

Dr. Hall called at my residence.

V. 53 \$12.00 C. 5 \$1.25

#### **Mch. 4**

Bright and warm.

Came to the Gallery at 11. a.m.

Letter from Mr Walters asking for bills of his advertising his Gallery for Benefit of Poor.

Wrote him, I would send them to-morrow.

Wrote to Mr Yates that I would have the Cattle Scene photographed as soon as possible.

Sent word to Smilie to come over & take it. Don't like proofs of "Long Story" & "Preparing for Church".

Mr Corcoran & Mr Architect Clark called.

Showed Mr Corcoran a photograph of a picture by Blanchon of Paris, with photo of the painter, & a book containing the subject of the picture.

Mrs. Hall called to see if she could sell to the Gallery some of her pictures. Told her the Trustees were not buying any.

Mr Smilie came & said he could not take negatives here until the 10th. **nist**. He does not think the "Long Story" & "Church", good.

Day 480 C. 38 \$9.49 P. \$5.00

Night 94 \$8.70 35 4 1.00 P. 2.00

574 42 \$10.49 \$7.00

#### **212 Mch. 5**

Raining in early morning – then bright & very warm all day Thermometer 72° at noon in our office.

Collected & paid bills for Mr Walters, & sent them in letter.

H.K. Brown, sculptor called.

Dr Corning brought me a ticket for his course of lectures.

Mr Corcoran & Mr Renwick, architect of this building, came & discussed the expediency of improving the light of the corner picture-galleries, by removing from the ~~east & west~~ inner (and if necessary, the north side) of the corner towers the slates, & substituting glass.

Dr Hall called.

V. 73 \$18.25 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$2.50

**Mch. 6**

Bright and pleasantly cool.

H.K. Brown, sculptor, called, & gave interesting comments upon Greek sculpture. Col. Cummins also called.

Mrs. O. D. Barrett, who brought here the photograph of Blanchon's "Transfusion du Sang", called & left the dimensions of the picture width 2 meters, height 1.80.—meter. Price \$3,000. Her address is No. 4. Avenue d'Essling.

Mr Brown, offered to give us an engraved plate copy of drawings of the human figure, with proportions from 3 years of age to the latest period of life. Given to him by his instructor, Farraro of Italy. He suggests us to have it engraved, & copies issued to artists & schools.

Mr Matthews, Miss Welling & Mr Holbrook called.

Dr Jouy sent four mounted proofs of Origin of Flag, so bad that I have sent a copy to Mr Gray for examination, with a letter.

**213** Dr Hall called.

Letter from J.H. Baldwin Worcester, Mass, stating a party would visit the gallery about 1st. May, & inquired hours of admission.

V. 568 C. 33 \$8.25 P. \$3.00

**Mch 8**

Monday a pleasant cool day after yesterday's storm of rain.

Letter from Mr Walters ^Jr^ enclosing cheque for \$11.75, & stating he had sent also a catalogue of his collection (not yet arrived acknowledged the letter.

Wrote to Mr Baldwin, stating that after 1sr May, the Gallery would open at 10 9.a.m. & until is open at 10.a.m.

Col. Cummins presented to the Gallery, a map of London, 1780.

Recd from Interior Dept. a "Circular of Information," containing an a French description of American Education.

Dr. Hall called.

V. 53 \$13.00 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$1.50

**Mch 9**

Quite a fall of snow.

Catalogue of Mr Walters' Gallery rec'd, & acknowledged in a note.

Wrote to editor of Appleton's Journal, notice of failure to get Lee's lot.

Brown Sculptor, called. Gave him several photographs.

V. 212 C. 22 \$5.50 P. \$3.65

**214 Mch. 10**

Foggy, afterwards cloudy & cool – no snow on street.

Mr. Justice Clifford sent here the engraving from Matteson's painting of "The First Prayer in Congress", which Dr Hall spoke of & requested us to compare the head in it with those of the same name (if any) in the Memin's Portraits.

Found a spot of white paint on the "Drove at the Ford" no doubt, the work of a copyist. Will remove it.

Saw Mr Renwick who advised me to get an estimate of the work of removing the slated ^north^ side of the corner-gallery skylight, & substitute a sash with glass.

Mr Corcoran, & Miss Tunstall & Welling came in after I left at 2 p.m. to attend my sick wife. Dr Hall also came in.

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Dr Barbarin wrote to Mr Smilie about coming soon to take negative.

V. 80 \$18.00 C. 8 \$2.00 P. P. \$6.00

**Mch. 11**

Cloudy with occasional slight rain.

Letter from Mr Gray, stating his dissatisfaction with the negative of "Origin of the Flag," & hoping no impressions be taken.

Mass. "Press Association".

Letter from Mr Baldwin "Worcester Spy", asking if alteration of rules cannot be made, so as to enable his "Press" party to visit the Gallery during a night-exhibition when it comes. Wrote him that the matter will be considered by the Trustees, & the result be conveyed to him.

- 215** Dr. & his pupils from Gordonsville Va. called & examined the Gallery. They numbered 26. accompanied by an art teacher, & all showed an appreciate sense of the beauty & artistic quality of the collection.

Mr Hyde brought up a registered letter from B.B. Baily Appling, Columbia Co. Ga. enclosing a dollar for a photograph of Last Days of Napoleon. Sent it with a letter enclosing change in stamps.

Dr Hall called.

Mr Smilie sent word if tomorrow if fair, he will come here.

The night exhibition was poorly intended. The weather damp.

Day 314 C. 15 \$3.75 P. \$1.20

Night 55 \$5.50 5 1.20 \_\_\_\_\_  
369 20 \$4.95 \$1.20

## **Mch. 12**

Cloudy and raw. Began snowing at 2.p.m.

Report of the Art Association of Montreal, received.

A Mr Baylor left here yesterday an old ordinary painting called a "Spanish Head", belonging to him, about which his wife had written to Mr Corcoran – letter not here - & which the latter would come tomorrow to examine. ~~Ope~~ The work is wretched, evidently a poor copy, cracked and dirty.

Mr Thomas called by direction of Dr Hall, to examine the towers lightening the corner-galleries, and make an estimate the cost of the work. It seems that a window not more than five feet square, can be placed on the north side, & the cost cannot be well estimated/

Dr. Corning & Mr Andrews (artist) called.

V. 97 \$22.75 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$6.00

## **216 Mch. 13**

A heavy fall of snow last night & this morning, though it melts. Temperature milder.

Letter from A. C. Bisbing, Phila. stating he had written to Mr Corcoran about a picture by a young American artist in Brussels, called a "Sunny Morning in Holland", to be exhibited soon in N.Y. Academy's Exhibition, & also another smaller, by an artist 60 or 70 years of age.

"Art Treasures of America" edition de luxe

Mr Corcoran came in with 8 nos. of an illustrated work on Italy by Appleton & Co. for the Gallery's use. He paid for these, & will pay for succeeding numbers. He also brought some pages & illustrations of Gebbie & Barrie's "Art Treasures of America", with a letter from them in which they propose to him to take an edition de luxe of that work – a finer copy, costing \$120. Mr Corcoran intimated his intention to do so.

Mr Hyde sent up Mr Bisbing's to Mr Corcoran & also the letter from Mrs. Baylor, owner of the Spanish Knight, in which she says she refused \$1,000 for it. He says he is worried by persons sending him such pictures.

Dr Vaughn came to the gallery with his pupils & he & they were introduced to Mr. C. to their mutual delight.

Sent a copy of the Catalogue to the Montreal Art. Association.

V. 332 C. 30 \$7.50 P. \$2.75

### **Mch. 15**

Monday cloudy and milder.

Dr. Barbarin went home unwell.

Mr Andrews completed repairing the eye of Mrs. Clay's "Old Woman".

Mr Corcoran called, & intimated his wish to have the annex to this building, if ever built) of simple brick

**217** of plain style, and a corridor feel wide, connecting the sculpture-hall with it. I asked him if he indulged the hope of getting the Lee lot, & he answered no-not in his lifetime. Dr Hall came &, also Dr Corning & Mr Henry Brown jr.

Gave Dr Corning the unsold tickets to his lectures received from J. H. Thompson, & the trade-dollar for which one was sold. Got his receipt for them.

At Mr Corcoran's suggestion ^wrote^ to Mrs Baylor, Winchester Va. in reference to her picture of a "Knight".

V. 79 \$19.75 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$2.75

**Mch. 16**

Cloudy with some rain & very damp though mild.

Dr Barbarin absent to-day.

McDonald Houdon bust of Washington

Mr McDonald, sculptor was here, & broached the matter of his owning the original ^cast by^ Houdon of Washington's busts to Mr Corcoran.

West picture of Lt. Col Rogers B.A. & Miss Philipps who refused Washington.

Mr Corcoran brought & left a letter from Sir Edward Stauton British Minister accompanying ^a copy of^ a letter to him from the Revd. F.O. Morris, England, which states that he has a portrait by West of Lt. Col. Roger Morris ^his grandfather^ of the British army under Braddock, & aid to Washington – also a portrait of Miss Philipps who was his grandmother, & refused the suit of Washington, which he thinks ought to be in this Gallery. Filed for action of the Trustees.

Dr. Hall called.

Letter from Mrs J.H. **Latline** Chicago. She is coming here to copy.  
V. 325 C. 32 \$8.00 P. \$4.75

**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day. Bright & pleasantly cool.

Mr Worthington called to see if Walker's equestrian portrait of General Le Duc –(now Commissioner of Agriculture) as Chief Qr. Mr General of the Army at Lookout Mountain, could be exhibited here. Consented to, & the work was brought over. The landscape & subordinate figures are the best parts, the horse of the general is very bad, but his figure is well done.

F.B. McGuire called & mentioned that young Henry Brown has modeled by observation & sketches (unknown to Dr Hall, a capital small bust of the latter. He will have it cast in bronze.

Mr Kauffman called to see the photographs of Hart's statue of Venus disarming Cupid – but Dr Corning took them away yesterday. Mr K. had seen & admired the statue.

Miss S. T. Hollowell of Chicago Art Association, called & got information about casts &c books. She wishes to get a copy of Walters' Catalogue, & to get Sullivan's address.

Mrs. Carline & Mrs Joy called. The former is to copy Milton & Cromwell.

Miss Tunstall called, & took much interest in various books and photographs. Mr Corcoran called & took her to see Miss Anderson by Healy. Dr Welling called.

Sent Mrs Saunders (Louise Home) her portrait.

V. 90 \$20.00 C. 14 \$3.50 P \$2.75

## 219 Mch 18

Bright & pleasant early, but cloudy & rain in the afternoon.

Card from Dr Vaughan, of Gordonsville, stating he had sent notices of the visit of his young ladies to Washington. They came at 2 p.m. & are written in a lively way by one of the girls.

Mr Smilie came & took negative of Robbe's sheep-piece, for the gentleman who ordered it. I varnished the picture previously.

Mrs. Arnold cousin ^of^ the late Mr Galt, sculptor, called to see about exhibiting a portrait of Father Boyle in this Gallery. Granted.

Capt Luce Painting of the Constitution "Old Ironsides" chased by a British Squadron \$1500.

Capt Luce (U.S.N.) called to state that there is boxed in Boston a large picture of the "Constitution Chased by a British Squadron" & painted, he thinks by an artist named Tuckerman (price \$1500) which was in the Centennial Exhibition. He thinks it would be a good picture for this Gallery, though he & other naval officers, wished to purchase it for the Navy Dept. I suggested that if the owner applied to exhibit it in this Gallery, he could do so, & shew testimonials of its merits from some persons.

G.W. Moore Phila. examined the St. Memin Portraits, and says he has two of them Mr & Miss Davenport, his relatives - & will send me word of the number of the ~~originals~~ owned by Mr Smith, Phila. A sett of the original photographs originated are in the Phila. Historical Society.

A lot a Chippewa Indians visited the gallery.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came. The former said Robbe the painter, was a merchant until 35 years old. He contradicts the story told me of Mr Corcoran refusing certain ground to St. John's Church.

Day V. 620 C. 32 \$8.00 P. \$2.50

Night V. 109 \$10.50 C. 6 1.50 P. 1.50

\$10.50 38 \$9.50 \$4.00

**220 Mch. 19**

Rainy and raw.

Dr Barbarin came for a short ^time^ & being unwell, went home.

Genl. Le Duc, Commissioner of Agriculture, called with my letter to Mr Walker, & said the latter was out of town. I read the letter to him, & he said he would send a notice of the picture for me to use. He told me many interesting facts about the scene, particularly the steamboat in the picture, & its history as taking (under his charge) a supply of rations to Gen Thomas' Army.

Dr Hall came, also previously Mr Corcoran.  
V. 58 \$14.50 C. 18 \$4.50 P. \$3.75

**Mch. 20**

Bright & pleasantly mild after last night's rain.

Note from W. H. Shock, Chief of Bureau of Steam Engineering Navy Dept. stating that he has a vase & pair of pitchers from the ruins of Pompeii, brought from Naples by himself. They are on a revolving vase ^with glass cover^ & would not object to them being exhibited here, if safely cared for. Went to see Mr S. & saw the above articles which without much pretension to fine art in decorations, are still interesting as relics. Will see if they can be safely exhibited.

Mrs. Cross called. Will send her portrait of Father Boyle on Monday.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came in. Dr H agrees with me that the Pompeian relics could be put in the Hildersheim case. Mr C. demurs to it. I showed the School-girl letter in the Gordonsville Va. paper, & it amused both gentleman much. Will write to Dr Vaughan how ^it^ pleased them.

V. 625 C. 38 \$9.50 P. \$4.50

**221 Mch 22**

Monday, Bright, mild & genial.

Mr Sullivan reported his work at the Peabody Institute Balt, as finished.

Wrote to Mr Walters & to Mr Morrison, about my mistake about painting frieze.

Mr Shirm, Phila, who had written last summer about a view of the President's House taken 80 years ago, called & said he would send it on at his expense.

A great want of high tables among the copyists. Spoke of it to Mr Hyde, who will consult about it.



Mr Corcoran sent a letter from Mr Ezekiel, which I am to answer. The "Durer" is not ready, and therefore the two will not be sent over for some.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came with Forsyth, city surveyor to have measurements taken of the width of the building as bearing upon Admiral Lee's claim to some 14 inches of our side alley. It vexes Mr C. very much.

V. 54 \$12.25 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$1.25

### **Mch 23**

Bright & very mild.

Letter from Miss Sarah Henry Pa. asking the price of cabinet size C. Corday photo. Wrote her.

Got a label for the Pompeian relics from Mr Shock, & placed them in the Hildersheimer case.

Fairman, artist, called & spoke of a portrait of Napoleon I. by Rujet, which he wishes to dispose of to this Gallery. Whole price \$3500 – if credit is given to him in the Catalogue for the gift of the difference, he will charge \$2,000.

**222** Hung Mrs. Cross' pastel portrait of Father Boyle in East Gallery.

Mr. Renwick architect, called & speaking of the trouble about the ~~measurements~~ site of the building, says he planned the latter according to the survey made & sent to him.

Mr Corcoran sent for & got Miss Poesche's address.

Secy Schurz called to meet the Indian Delegation here, as he was told they were to be photographed here at 2 ½ p.m. A mistake. Soon after the agent with the Indians came in, & I explained the mistake to the agent, & have promised to take them to morrow at 1 ½ p.m. if the photographer can come.

Dr Hall, Mr Corcoran & Mr – called, also Mrs. Merrick with Mr & Mrs. Hall of N.Y.

Wrote to Mr Walters enclosing letter to Mr Morrison about Sullivan.

V. 512 C. 35 \$8.75 P. \$12.50

### **Mch. 24**

Bright, windy, blustering & cold.

Mr Smilie sends word he cannot come to photograph Indians to-day. Sent word to that effect to the Indian agent.

My letter to Ross Turner, Munich, returned from Germany.

Ordered Mr Taylor to make six new high tables for the Painting copyists.

Mr Condict of Phila. called & will send for exhibition & sale a painting by the late Edwin White, of the vision of St. Stephen.

Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall, Misses Tunstall & Welling called expecting to see Indians.

V. 111 \$25.75 C 18 \$4.50 P. \$5.25

## 223 Mch. 24 [5]

Bright, cool & pleasant, not so windy as yesterday.

Went to see Mr Rice, photographer, ~~to see~~ if he could take negatives of Indians. He can come at any time. Went to the agent of the Ute Indians. He & interpreter were away, & found they had photographs of themselves taken yesterday. A newly arrived delegation of Apaches was there, & the agent said he would be glad to bring them up when able to come & would notify me.

Mr Corcoran called, & seemed indisposed to have the Indians photographed in the score of expense.

Dr Jouy sent proofs of "Sheep-piece" – ordered 50 copies.

Ruled steel engraving

St. Memin Portraits

John A. Lowell, Engraver & publisher, Boston, came & exhibited specimen of ruled steel engravings for business cards, in which he attempts to introduce ecsthetic art in their production. This specimens were beautiful. He left them with us & will send a book containing all of them & spaces for succeeding specimens, while those left today will do for ordinary use. He called our attention to the necessity of placing tissue-paper between the leaves of our St Memin Portraits & placing the work in an upright position.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall were present.

Mr E. Van Reuth, Balt. called & spoke of exhibiting here two pictures which he wrote to me about, some year or so since. He applies to finish Brumidi's work in the Capitol. The attendance at night was chiefly of an excursion from Mass, invited here by Mr Corcoran unknown, so by his request after he came.

V. Day 525 C. 36 \$9.00 P. \$2.50

V. Night 250 C. 3 75 2.75  
775 39 \$9.75 5.25

The entrance was more than returned.

**224 Mch. 26**

Cloudy & threatening rain or snow, very raw.

Letter from J. E. Condict Phila. stating he will forward soon "The Vision of St. Stephen" by Edwin White, & enclosing the Regulations signed by his wife.

Letter from Miss Sarah Henry Pa. containing money order for \$1.02, for two cabinet sized Cordays. Sent them and wrote to her.

E. Van Reuth, artist, 335 Pa. Av. called & stated he would his two pictures now in Baltimore (if possible). He seems to be a conceited German & excitable.

A Mr Frost of New York, picture-dealer, offers to send a picture by a French artist for exhibition here.

**Lut.** Flannery called & left his card.

Mr H. Brown Jr. began to repair finger of Julia.

Messrs. Renwick, Brown, F.B. McGuire & Dr Woodward called.

Mr Corcoran, Dr. Hall, Misses Welling & Tunstall called.

V. 75 \$18.00 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$1.25

**Mch. 27**

Steady rain, dark & gloomy sky.

Letter from Herts' & co, N.Y, enclosing a letter of introduction of Mr Millar of Edinburgh of the firm of John Millar & Co. of that city who made the fine, glass Claret Jug in our collection. The letter is from Mr C. H. Baker, formerly of the firm of Dreyer, Simpson & co, who sold to the purchasing committee that article at the Centennial Exhibition. Herts & son also sends card of admission to Mr Millar's collection of glassware, on exhibition in their store in Phila.

Mr Brown completed "Julia's" finger, & repaired hand of Polyhymnia.  
Dr Hall called.

V. 250 C. 22 \$5.50 P

**Mch. 29**

Monday. Raw and cloudy.

Letter to Mr Corcoran from a Mrs Burchell, London, England opened by myself as it was addressed "Corcoran Art Gallery, & then sent to him, Mrs B. is the widow of an artist, and offers for sale two pictures £ 300 each.

Meeting of the Building Committee changed to 10 ½ a.m. today, when Mr Hyde & Dr Hall met. Mr Matthews absent.

Result of meeting. Mr S.T. Thomas is to cut window, on the north side of both towers of corner galleries—to cost \$75 for both: & that Mr T. engage some one to clear out the water pipes leading from the front & side gutters of Building; & if there are no pipes to supply them.

The following propositions are laid over for another meeting. To oil the stone work of the building outside – To paint the outside wood-work the roof & inside of gutters, & the iron work of the Towers.

Genl. Le Duc called & left the title of his picture ^in^ which for reasons he wishes to have no mention of his name. It seems he has been attacked by some scribbler, who saw the picture in our private room.

Mrs. P. Dunn, Arks. requested me to call & see.

Mr Buzac called & got copy of regulations for exhibiting his pictures of monk with crucifix, & scene from Lucia di **Lawmemor**.

V. 98 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$2.25

## 226 Mch. 30

Bright & bracing, though a little cold.

Letter from Mr Morrison, Peabody Institute, Balt. in reference to the painting of its casts by Mr Sullivan.

Mr Brown, sculptor, called to take leave, as he goes home tomorrow. He advised the use of shellac for protecting the stone-work instead of oil.

Visit of Mr Walters, his views against enlarging the Gallery, or having an Art School

Mr Walters called, & the first time for a whole year. He regrets the suspension of the work of adding to the works of the Gallery – saying that "while it does not advance, it goes backward." Most true. He is opposed to the plan of an Art School, or enlarging the building. He seems to think we would have to engage the most accomplished artists of Europe to teach properly, In this I think he is wrong, for the great artist do not do the instruction in Europe, but only supervise by general advice, the work of instruction by good artists though not distinguished ones.

He invited me when visiting his Gallery, to let him know, and he would order his servant to ~~open~~ admit me to the new room he has opened, with objects of art- not pictures. He is

to send me a work treating of the lives and work, of Detaille & de Neuville, and some photographs of the human figure designed by Barye – of course on loan. He will probably attend the meeting of the Board ~~Mch~~ Apl. 12.

Polk's portrait of Washington

Mr Corcoran called, but soon left. He did not see Mr Walters. Professor Baird sent over a portrait of Washington by Polk a pupil of C.W. Peale – well drawn & thinly painted. On temporary deposite. Signed a receipt for it, & received a written account of it.

Dr. Hall called, also Miss Robinson, & Genl. & Mrs     of Hartford. Miss Tunstall was here a few moments.

Mrs Judge Aldis & Mrs. --- called to see certain photographic views along the Nile, which they were told were transferred here from the Smithsonian Institution.

The Misses Pleasonton called to see what had been done by the Board, about their pictures & prints. They will send for them.

V. 509 C. 41 \$10.25 P. \$4.75

### **Mch. 31**

Bright & pleasant. March "is going out like a lamb"!

Vision of St. Stephen by E. White

Letter from Mr J. E. Condict, Phila. stating, he had despatched by express the "Vision of St Stephen." & asking me to pay the charge \$7.45. which I did. He will be here on Friday & wishes it hung by that time. The picture arrived soon after. It is an interesting work, with many good points, but some bad drawing in the hands. It is by Edwin White & \$2500 was paid by Mr. Condict for it. Painted in 1866.

Hung the monk & Crucifix, & the scene from Lucia di Lammermoo. Miss Dayton ^sent^ a crayon portrait up for exhibition.

Screens over the Gallery

Placed the screens over the Main Gallery, Mr Taylor assisting.

Dr. Mitchell The "Gibbs" Washington by Stuart

Dr W. T. Channing & Mrs Connor came with a note from Dr Hall introducing them. Dr C. had a copy of Mason's Life of Gilbert Stuart, and his visit was to inform me that the

228 famous Gibbs portrait of Washington by Stuart which is the frontispiece of that book, belongs to him, the nephew of Col. Gibbs from whom Stuart painted it, and he desires to sell it to some institution. He was told that this Gallery was to get Mrs Tayloe's Washington by Stuart. He states no price for the picture at present, but if he offers it to the French Government, he will ask \$15,000!

Mr. Thomas called & was told the wishes of the Board about the windows in the towers, & cleaning the gutters.

Maude St. Pierre of the "National View" called to inquire about the price of the "Awakening of Spring", & if she could write it up.

Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall & Miss came, & at the same time Dr of the Apache Indians said they were coming up to have their pictures – but not being ready they went through the galleries & enjoyed the works. They will come tomorrow to be photographed, at 10 p.m. of Mr Rice can come.

Mr Walker's pictures of scenery in New Mexico, were sent over by Genl. Le Duc- four in number. High-colored but very beautiful.

Profr Baird sent here a portrait in oil of Washington by Washington-on temporary deposite – gave receipt for it.

V. 59 \$11.75 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$2.25

### Apl. 1

Bright, mild & pleasant.

Letter from W. Elliott Griffis author of "Mikado's Empire" stating that he would gladly details about our Japanese objects, for our next edition.

Pictures of Apache Indians

229 At 10 a.m. Mr Rice came & photographed five of the Apache Indians with the Agent & Interpreter Messrs & Read. Four negatives were taken of them in the Main Gallery two of them representing their in White man's clothes, & the other negatives represented 3 in Indian dress.

Hung the "Vision of St Stephen" in the S. E. Gallery, & also Miss Dayton crayon portrait of a lady in the E. Gallery.

Walker's Pictures of Californian rancho

Genl. Le Duc came & left names of the pictures of California life by Mr Walker, & gave interesting explanations of them.

Paid Boardman's bill for Magazines & periodicals \$4.46.

The night attendance was slim in spite of fine weather.

Day 485 \$ C 26 \$6.50 P. \$2.75

Night  $\frac{99 + 15}{599}$  \$ C  $\frac{9}{35}$   $\frac{2.25}{\$8.75}$   $\frac{\quad}{\$2.75}$

## Apl. 2

Bright & quite warm – no fire in the office- at 10.a.m. Ther. 70°.

Shinn's view of the President's House

Letter from John Shinn Phila. saying he forwarded yesterday by express, his painting of a view of the "president's House" supposed to have been painted 80 years ago. Price \$100. If not accepted – reship to him at his expense. The picture arrived – a very poor affair, of doubtful age.

Mr Thomas & Mr Harrover examined the roof again, and will report estimate. Mr T. stated that the man who cleaned the sky-light last year, won't come again at the same rate, but may for \$15. I sent for Mr Sullivan.

Wrote to Mr Griffis, Schenectady, N Y, thanking him for the promised notes about the Japanese objects.

Hung the four California ranchero scene by Mr Walker.  
Mr Sullivan will clean the skylight for not less than \$19.

**230** Mr Andrews returned from New York.  
Gave Mr Hyde, Mr Taylor's bill for tables \$22.50.

Letter from Mr Van Reuth stating he had sent to day for exhibition, his son's two pictures, 1st "The heroes of Christianity a scene in the Catacombs" & "Disgrace of Columbus".

Dr Hall, & Mr Siddons called.

V.  $75 + 7$  \$18.75 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$1.50

## Apl. 3.

Mild with south wind, & rainy.

Letter from Mr Walters enclosing Freight Express invoice of two packages containing the book in French about Detaille & also photographs of designs (figures) by Barye, after

^using^ which I am to send them to Mr Riggs' family. Wrote to him & thanked him for his courtesy.

Letter from Miss Hallowell, requesting me to admire her about the painting of casts in the Chicago Interstate Industrial Exposition: also to learn if possible from Mr Walters how their Exposition can get a cast of Clytie. Wrote to him & to her.

Mr Volkmar wrote to Dr Barbarin, describing the pocket-book, found here two days ago, which is certainly his & will be delivered to his uncle who will call.

Taylor's bill for six copyist tables \$22.50. Sent Williams' bill \$15.75 to Mr Hyde.

Mr Rice sent up three profs of the Apache Indians' photograph, ever good & brilliant far superior to our own photos. Catalg.

- 231** I have agreed with him to pay him \$45.00. for 90 photos, mounted including the negatives – 30 photos for each group. He will send up twelve photographs on Monday.  
V. 324 C. 28 \$5.75 P. \$1.50

#### **April 5**

Mr. came & went to work cleaning skylights.

The two boxes containing Mr C. Von Smith's pictures "Burial of a Martyr" & "Columbus in disgrace". Both pretentious works, with some good promising points & effects, but altogether, failures to represent the themes properly.

Wrote to J.S. Baldwin, "Worcester Spy" Mass. stating that Mr Corcoran & Trustees cheerfully granted his request in behalf of the Massachusetts Press Association to have the Gallery open in the evening other than Thursday, to suit their convenience.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came in. They admired the Samples of the photographs of Indians (12 of which Mr Rice had just sent up) & Dr Hall liked much of the "Columbus". Mr Corcoran desired to have Mr Barlow notified to sent up at once his (Mr C's) portrait.

Wrote to Van Leuth, notifying him of his pictures arrival.

V. 51 \$12.25 C. 10 \$2.50

#### **April 6**

A light shower then bright & spring-like.

Ezekiel's letter & photographs



Letter from Mr Ezekiel, & package of photographs of Angelo & Durer – both to my eye, unsatisfactorily in bad posing. The former is deformed – the latter, treated in a way singular enough, being enveloped in a long cloak, & with no sign of an engraver, save a pencil in hand.

The Angelo was in course of being boxed for shipment. He writes about the progress of his Homer, and if the Washington bust comes here, he says “store it at his expense”. Sent word of these pictures & the letter to Mr Corcoran, who came & examined them, & heard the letter read.

Dr Jouy sent down a lot of photos. with a note.

I. A. Whitcomb, traveling agent for a excursion party of Boston Teachers &c called to request the Gallery to be lighted up this evening for them. Mr Corcoran granted his request. The Gallery to be closed on their departure.

Mr Corcoran denies to be present this evening, & must be reminded.

Mr Worthington, & Profr. Siddons called.

Mrs. Dayton brought in for exhibition a crayon portrait of Profr. Henry, from a photograph. Price \$25.00.

Wrote to Mr W. A. Yates to come & select a copy or copies of Cattle-piece, photographed for Mr Marchant.

Wrote to Mr Barlow to send up a portrait Mr B Corcoran, he was to have here.

The Gallery was lighted at night- I was too unwell to appear.

V. (Day) 415 C. 39 \$9.75 P. \$5.25

V. (Night) 170 C. 24 6.00 3.75  
\$585 63 \$15.75 \$9.00

## 233 Apl. 7.

Bright but with cool wind.

Boston Teachers' visit at night.

The visits of the Massachusetts School party last night proved very interesting. They were of a very superior class, & were very grateful for Mr Corcoran's kindness. He came with Misses Tunstall & Welling, & enjoyed the meeting very much. The leaders of the visitors made addresses to him in the Main Gallery with a vote of thanks Mr G.W. Mason

of Boston introduced the party to Mr Corcoran. Henry C. Warden, Shurtleff School, Boston, proposed resolution of thanks.

Dr Hill called & stated that the Salem party lately here, had given the \$20, refunded to them to their agent. he had a paper describing their visit, which he sent to Mr Corcoran.

Ordered a new edition of Catalogue & 1500 copies, gray cover.

Letter from the sister of Danl. D Tompkins Gordon; stating that her brother wrote to me a few days since, in reference to a portrait of ^Govr^ Daniel D. Tompkins of N.Y. & Secretary of War in 1812, by Jarvis, which he thought the Gallery would be willing to buy it.

Barlow sent up Ulke's crayon portrait of Mr Corcoran richly framed.

Hung "Columbus in Disgrace", in the Gallery". The artist's brother Adolph called & left his address when I send in the bill of expenses for unboxing & hanging pictures.

Mr Thomas will begin work of opening the towers for windows tomorrow.

- 234** Mr Hyde sent up a letter to Mr Corcoran from Clinton Rice New York (Stevens House, 27, Broadway called attention to a painting of Monk copying an illuminated Scriptural manuscript, and believed to be by Rubera (Spagnoletto).

Mrs. Dr. Thomas (Indian Agent) called to see about the Indian photographs. Gave her one sett, & will have others tomorrow. Sent to Rice for them.

Wrote to Miss Hallowell Chicago, about Mr Sullivan's offer to paint casts.

V. 90 \$20.25 C. 15 \$3.75 \$1.50

## **Apl 8**

Bright & cool, not so windy. Very cold last night.

Indian Photos.

Mr Rice sent up copies of the Indian photographs, 30 of each – in all 90 lacking one. Dr Thomas agent called & received, or will receive a sett ^of 3^ for himself, one for Mr Read interpreter, & a sett of two for each Indian, & the sett, sent to him yesterday goes to Mrs. Thomas. I took a corrected title to Gibson to have it printed on each view, which he did with one se well, that all the copies were sent to him.

Mr Yates came & took four of the Cattle-piece for 75cts - \$3.00. Dr Lindsey came & stated he will on Monday send here for exhibition, a portrait of his daughter by Mrs Towle.

Mr Corcoran came & examined his portrait & frame & was dissatisfied with it.

Excursion of School girls from Staunton Va.

Wrote to D. D. T. Gordon, Stapleton N.Y. about the D.D. Tompkins portrait.

Barlow sent up the other crayon portrait of Mr Corcoran.

Day V. 502 C. 36 \$9.00 P. \$14.90

Night 110 C. 17 \$4.25  
612 53 \$13.25

## 235 Apl. 9.

Bright, bracing & somewhat cool.

Gibson & Co. sent up the Indian Photos. well printed with names.

Mr Corcoran called & left order that the ~~plainer~~ richly framed copy of his crayon portrait by Ulke, be turned to the wall, and on the plainer framed one, he placed his card inscribed "To my old friend Dr J. C. Hall, with the compliments of Wm. W. Corcoran, April 5, 1880." to be sent to the Dr's House, as he preferred. He left orders for setts of the Indian photos. to be sent to Miss Tunstall & Welling. Dr Hall called & was much gratified with the present.

Corrected proof of catalogue.

Mr McDonald, sculptor, called admired the Indian photos, I will order more copies of them.

Mr Yates sent up \$3.00 for photos. of cattle-piece.

Save Mr Rice about the terms of other photographs, which he agrees to furnish at 40 cts a-piece, including printing.

V. 79 \$19.00 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$15.50

## Apl. 10

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Sent to Mr Rice copies of the Indian Photos. to have the names properly printed on the new ones.

Certified J. Wiley's bill for cleaning the skylight. \$15.00.

Dr Thomas called & got the Indian photographs for self. Mr H. Read & the Apaches.

**236** Delany's "White House"

Mr Corcoran was shown the "View of the President's House" by Delany, and he condensed it as altogether incorrect, I wrote to Mr Shinn to that effect, & had the picture boxed to be returned by Express, this afternoon.

Before Mr Corcoran left he said that a drunken gardener, formerly at the President's House, had addressed him with "how are you William?!!

Dr Hall. He is complaining very much.

V. 490 C 33 \$8.25 P. \$22.90

**Apl. 12.**

Monday. Very cold & windy, though not so windy as Sunday. It is brought though. This is my birth-day.

Ice ½ inch thick!

Ice half an inch formed last night.

Letter to the Trustees from Leopold Freund, Decorative, Painter, applies for work, & offers to paint Main Gallery & ceiling for \$300. He worked on the Capital at Albany N.Y.

Note from Genl. Eaton (Bureau of Education) introducing Miss Chester of that office, who wishes with others to visit Mr Walters' gallery on Wednesday, & understanding I could secure their permission to see all of the rooms of the house, asked me to give them a pass. I had to explain that I had no authority to do so.

Dr Hall & Mr Corcoran called. Dr. Hall proposed to Mr Corcoran to rescind the obnoxious resolution suspending the action of the Art-Committee. Mr C. demurred to its being done at present. They spoke of Mr Andrews being a fit agent to purchase pictures in Europe, & agreed that it would be well for him to notify the Board of what can be brought from Knaus or other artist,.

**237** Quarterly meeting of Board

Night exhibition on Thursday to end on 15th

The Board met at 7 1/2 . Dr Hall, Messrs. Riggs, Hyde, Matthews, McGuire, Dr Welling & Profr. Baird. Mr Corcoran also present.

Finance Committee reported that the Sisters of the Visitation had not yet taken up the loan from the Gallery.

Communication of Mr Condict offering "Vision of St Stephen" referred to Curator. –the other four to the Art Committee.

The Treasurer was authorized to purchase the full sett of Portraits & Vignettes, published by the Treasury Dept.

Building Committee was authorized to make all necessary expenditures for thorough repair of the building.

Ordered that regular night Exhibitions be closed on Thursday 15th.

Vote of thanks to Mr Clark architect for his advice & assistance in the designs for the new pedestals of the statues in front of the Gallery.

V. 89 \$20.75 C. 14 \$3.50 P. 75cts

### **Apl. 13**

Bright and pleasant – last wind to-day.

Letter from Mrs M. Gordon Smith in behalf about the D.D. Tompkins portrait. Her brother is willing to send it on for exhibition & sale. Wrote to him to send his pictures, & enclosed Regulations.

Letter to Col. Irish for sett of Portraits &c of Treasy Dept.

Saw Dr Hall who is indisposed at his rooms. At his request, wrote to Col. H. O. Irish, Chief of Bureau of Engraving & Printing that the Board of Trustees desired to be published by the Treasury Dept. As it was stated that the "President had to sign the order", I sent it to him for his approval. He returned it signed.

A party of Bannocks & Shoshones under Mr Wright, agent, visited the Gallery. They are good looking – particularly the chief the "Climber". Their interpreter, a half-breed – was very intelligent. They seemed very tired, as well they might in their horrid store-clothes. They were much amused with the "Forced Prayer," and several peeped under the dress & laughed at what they saw there! – also with "Fun & Fright."

Miss Tunstall came in while the Indians were here & was greatly interested in them – with the chief. She leaves for home (Lynchburg) this week.

V. 435 C. 28 \$7.00 P. \$5.25

### **Apl. 14**

Bright, warm & genial.

Wrote to D.D.T. Gordon N.Y. enclosing Regulations for exhibitors of pictures, & telling him to send on his grandfather's portrait.

Wrote to M. Ezekiel, acknowledging receipt of his letter & photographs of Angelo & Durer.

A Meeting of the Building Committee at 12.m. It was ordered to apply raw linseed oil to a portion ^of the stonework^ of the outside of the Gallery – to receive proposals to paint all outside woodwork.

That Mr Peake be called on for estimate (through Dr Hall) for painting all the outside metal of roof.

Mr Hodgson's bid for repairing valleys of the roof be accepted, & to extend the flashing 12 in, instead of 8 in.

Mr Thomas to do the wood-work by the day. Gallery to find material.

A safety rail to be placed on east side of middle tower.

Repair of awnings postponed, & left with Dr Hall.

Left the Gallery at 1 ½ p.m.

V. 58 \$12.00 C. 7 \$1.75 P. 75cts

## **239 Apl. 15**

Bright & very warm – no overcoat, nor fire! Ther. 70°.

Letter from Mr Walters referring to Miss Hallowell's application for a cast of "Clytie", & requesting me to send his book, autographs &c to Mr Riggs to-day, and when he has done with them to get them & return to him. Wrote to Mr Walters, that I had sent to Mr. R.

Mr Regamey & Genl. Eaton electrotype

Letter from Genl. Eaton, Commr. of Education referring to Mr Regamey delegate from France to this country to examine ^& report^ instructions of instruction in art, Mr Regamey wishes to procure an electrotype of our wood-cut of the buildings, to illustrate his work.

Gibson sent up new edition of Catalogue

Gibson sent up two bundles of new edition of Catalogue.

Col Irish's letter offering Engd. portraits

Letter from Col. O.H. Irish, Bureau of Engraving & Printing Treasy Dept. stating he would send to this Gallery a fill sett of its engraved portraits &c about June 1, without charge, "upon condition" that they shall be subject to inspection by the public, as other works of art, & will furnish further additions to the stock.

Art Treasures of America

Mr Corcoran & his friend a Mr Worth, called to examine the St ~~German~~ Memin portraits. he left the 1st. section (edition de Luxe!) ^of the Art Treasures of America^ and it is anything but well got up either in the style of its photogravures or the flippant vein of its letter-press.

Dr Hall came, & authorized me to acknowledge Col. Irish's letter, & state the circumstances that compel us to exhibit the engraved portraits &c in our private room, on the table. A heavy rain storm prevailed at 3 ½ p.m. & the night being wet the attendance at night was small.

V. (Day 390 C. 19 \$4.75 P.

V. Night 146 \$14.00 7 1.75  
536 26 \$6.50

## 240 April 16

Cloudy & mild with signs of rain. Therr. 74°.

Got a new yardstick from Schneider.

Mr Rice sent up the photos ordered, & his bill \$69. I engaged him to call tomorrow to see about taking other negatives.

Wrote to Genl. Easton, & told him I could an electrotype of our building for M. Rernager ^at his expense.^ He will write to me tomorrow.

Letter from Thos. H. Willey, stating that Mrs. A. Willey had written to Mr Corcoran some time ago, offering to sell a large bust of Morse, of telegraph (magnetic) fame; & wishes to know if the Trustees had taken action on her letter. He wishes me to call & examine it at 636 La. Av.

Admiral Almy came & inquired if I knew where he could get a steel engraved portrait of Profr. Henry, 20 or 30 years ago.

A number of American chemical Science journal sent here.

Miss Tunstall's departure

While I was away from the Gallery, Miss Tunstall came with Mr Corcoran to say farewell. I met her at the door. She never appeared more beautiful. She excites admiration from all.

Grote colln of Drawings Letter to Col. Irish

Mr Hyde brought up a package containing the catalogue of the Grote collection of drawings by old & new masters. Dr Hall called & read to him my letter to Col. Irish about the engravings he is to send. he approved it.

V. 88 \$22.00 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$2.25

**241 Apl. 17**

Bright & cool with a north-west wind.

New edition of Catalogue issued

Issued the new catalogue – 2 9th. edition – gray cover.

Sent to Mr Walters by express his photographs & book. Wrote to him.  
Mr McDoual, sculptor called.

Mr Furniss of Phila. called to see about placing his father's picture of "Return of Columbus" by Leutze, for sale in this gallery price \$5,000. I advised him to send it to Gaupil or Schaus, N.Y.

Examined the catalogue of the Grote Drawings, and find it is written in German. There is with it a letter from Mr Henry Lang (care of Holmes & co, 219 Fulton St. N.Y. brother of Mr Chas. Lang who seems to be owner of the collection, & who wrote to Mr Corcoran sometime ago, as did also Mr Ross Turner both in Munich, recommending the purchase of it. Mr H. Lang wishes the Catalogue returned to him, as the collection will be sent over in a few months. With his letters are two opinions upon the excellence of the collection written by Profr. Dr. Geo. M. Thomas & Profr. Diez of Munich. The names of most of the distinguished old & new appear in the catalogue.

Dr Blake, the venerable Prest. of the "Oldest Inhabitants Association called & indulged in many amusing reminiscences of things & events in Washington.

Commander Crowninshield called & will perhaps send for his two pictures, ere he sails for Europe in a week. He invited me & daughter to the dancing reception on his ship on Monday.

Wrote to Mr. T. H. Willy Express Office no letter from Mr Willy to Mr Corcoran about bust of Prof. Morse rec'd, nor action of Trustees taken on.



V. 460 C. 25 \$6.23 P. \$8.00

**242 April 19.**

Monday. Some rain at an early hour – still cloudy & calm.

Letter from Mr Baldwin Prest. Mass. Press Assocn. Worcester stating it proposed to visit Washington on 23d. & suggested Saturday 24. as the evening exhibition of the Gallery.

Dr Barbarin sent a note saying he will not be here to-day.

Rec'd an invitation from Commr. Crowninshield of U.S.S. Portsmouth, to a reception on that ship 2 to 5.p.m. today.

Letter from Col. Irish stating that the temporary limitation of access by the public to examine Portraits &c would be no objection to the Gallery the sett he promised.

Mr Thomas says work on the roof, painting &c will be begun tomorrow – Painting at 60cts per 100 sq. ft. – oil & metallic paint 30 to 35 cts per 00 sq ft. in all 9 or 95cts per sq.

Sent to Mr Chamberlin about estimates ^for painting^ all the outside wood-work of the Building. He came & will report in time.

Mr Andrews called & will go the “Portsmouth” reception.

Left the Gallery at 25m. to 4 p. m. for the same place.

Received from the Smithsonian ^Institution^ a package of official Catalogues on Public Instruction & Agriculture (in French) at the Universal Exhibition at Paris 1878.

Mr Hyde called & suggested a new piece of oil-cloth for the Trustees' door.

V. 60 \$15.00 C. 11 \$2.75 P. \$1.25

**243 Apl. 20**

Raw with heavy rains.

Dr Barbarin on duty.

Letter printed in blanks on which I receipted for the package of French Educational Reports, & returned to Profr. Baird.

1000 copies of catalogue (less one) delivered.

Dr Jouy sent a lot of photographs.

Mr Darrell's mans John carelessly allowed the wind to knock over Mrs Dayton's crayon portrait of Profr. Henry, smashing the ~~frame~~ glass & smearing the frame with his hands. Got new glass & Thomas (fireman) put in the frame, which he re-bronzed.

Wrote to Mr Henry Lang N.Y. acknowledging the Catalogue & "judgments".

J. C. Eicholtz artist, sent up a portrait of Mr Lugenbeel (father of Mrs Senator Christiancy) with a note requesting it to be exhibited.

V. 270 C. 35 \$8.75 P. \$3.25

### **Apl. 21**

Bright and genial – no fire needed.

Mr C.W. Walker War Dept. called in behalf of a Mr Cudlipp who wishes to exhibit on our windows, some specimens of photos. on glass which he has furnished to the Smithsonian, & Art Museum N.Y.

Mr John Durand son of A.B. Durand, landscapist, called, & gives pleasant intelligence of art-matters north & in Europe. His father, now 84 years old, is failing in health. By his advice wrote to W. S. Baker Phila. about a steel-**cugd.** portrait of Profr. Henry. Mr Volmar, Baltimore, came for & got his son's pocket-book left here.

V. 105 \$24.50 C 13 \$3.25 P. \$9.75

### **Apl. 22**

Bright & pleasantly cool & breezy.

Mr Chamberlin handed in his estimate for painting outside wood-work of Building -- \$78.00.

Mr. F. S. Newman proposes to paint as above for \$75.00.

Mr Jas. H. Weeks, Boston, came in & spoke highly of the collection.

Mr Corcoran came in looking not very well, having his wrist bound up from a rheumatic attack, & complaining of a boil on his neck. I spoke of the German catalogue & he thought it ought to be returned at once. Mr Walker in behalf of Mr Cudlipp called about the photographic views on glass, & if we do not object, will send up 3 or 6 tomorrow. Mr Corcoran suggested to mention the matter to Dr Hall, who soon after coming assented.

Letter from John Ott, Richmond Va. enclosing a photo of Valentine's bust of Commodore Maury, which he commends to the Trustees as a proper companion piece to Humboldt's bust, also enclosing a letter from Dabney H. Maury, praising the work very highly. Wrote to Mr. O. asking if bust was marble & price.

Letter from Miss Sara Hallowell Secy of Chicago Art Exhibition enclosing a card referring to its coming exhibition in ~~August~~ Sept & Oct. She refers to cast-painting, & asks if the Apollo ^in the Capitol^ is for sale here yet.

V. 400 C. 24 \$6.00 P. 13.75

### **Apl. 23**

Bright with some haze, & quite warm.

Letter from Horace O. Crumden, Boston, asking for prices of Corday photographs. Wrote him.

245 Letter from Rachael E. Henderson, Pittsburgh asking for information about the Ghiberti Gates. Wrote her.

Mr Kirk sent up estimate to do the portrait for \$105.

Visit of S. R. Gifford.

Mr S. R. Gifford, the eminent landscapist of N.Y. with his wife visited the Gallery. He admired it very much, but was down upon the color of the picture gallery walls. it is sad to think that his pencil is not represented on them.

Miss Pleasonton came in with his rheumatic hand in a sling, and otherwise looking ill & depressed. Dr Hall came in soon after & left to see Mr. C.

Genl. Hunton Va (M.C.) called to see the portrait of Washington by Polk. Mr Spofford & Gen. Singleton of Miss. were, to have met him, but did not come.

Mr. Hyde sent up word to accept Chamberlin's bid.

Wrote to Henry Lang N.Y. that his Catalogue left by express yesterday.

V. 98 \$22.00 C. 21 \$5.25 P. \$7.00

### **Apl. 24**

Cloudy, cold & threatening rain again. It rained last night. No fire in the office.

Postal card from Wm. F. Chauning Providence R.I. stating that the "Gibbs" Washington by Steuart had been shipped for this Gallery. The picture also came, & Mr Chauning came in. It seems in ~~fine~~ sound order but the color looks new & red & red  
~~Mr Thomas reported work on the vallies.~~

unlike the harmonious tones of Steuart. He proposes to show it to the Library Committee.

Mr Thomas is at work on the valley's.

4 19 bundles of catalogues rec'd from Gibson -950 copies.

Visited the studios of Messrs Andrews & Seibert, & Dr. Kindleberger.

Miss Galt of Norfolk called.

- 246** Mr. Chauning brought Mr O'Connor Treas. Dept. to look at the Washington, Mr Andrews & Maj. Williams examined it. The former thinks it is by Steuart, but not from life a pot-boiler. Mr Chauning says it was the first portrait from life painted by Steuart.

Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall says, is laid up to-day, but better. He is sorry he cannot attend the reception of the Press Association to-night. This was the night-exhibition selected by Mr Baldwin, but so far none of them have notified us of their arrival in Washington, as we know they are here.

After the gallery was closed Mr Baldwin came here & stated that the association would come tonight, which it did. They enjoyed the visit much, & regretted Mr Corcoran's absence from indisposition.

Day 360 C. 36 \$9.00 P. \$1.25

Night 93 \$ C. 16 4.00

453 52 \$13.00

## April 26

Monday, cloudy early but afterwards sunny & pleasant.

Letter from Mr. W. S. Baker Phila. stating he knew of no engraved portrait of Profr Henry, but advised me to apply to Henry B. Bult 706 Broadway N.Y. which I did.

Letter from D.D. Benson, Buffalo, N.Y. enclosing 29 letter stamps for payment of photograph -.75cts & 12 cts postage on it. Turned 75cts from Cont. Fund, to the Sales of Photos. and credited the C. Fund to that amount, as paid for stamps.

Wrote to Mr Corcoran for & rec'd Mason's Life of Gilbert.

- 247** Stuart to see the history of the Gibbs Washington by Steuart.  
Mr C. came in with Dr Blake, & examined the latter work. I went to look at the sewer being opened in 17th, & learned that it will relieve our cellar-sewer from all future trouble.  
Mr Corcoran wished me to speak to Dr Hall about.  
Mr Rice called, & I engaged him to take the Vestal, Corday, & perhaps "Scheveringer Beach," "The Long Story", Endymion &c.

Library Come examines Polk's Washington

Gen. Singleton of Miss. Hon. J.R. Tucher & S.S. Cox ^House^ Library Committee of Congress, called & examined "Polk's Washington". They seemed interested in it. Gen. Singleton has known the picture for 50 years, & says it was painted for Dr Barbarin, friend of Washington. I pointed out its bad condition, its holes & want of cleaning, & Gen. S. requested me to write to its owner, E. C. Bruce, Winchester, Va. and suggest the expediency of its being repaired. Mr Chauming called & explained to them the Gibbs portrait.

Dr Hall, called., & stated he had examined the sewer being made in 17th. St.

V. 25 \$6.50 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$1.50

### **Apl. 27**

Bright, blowy and cool.

Barlow & Polk's Washington

Mr Barlow paid his bill - \$16.90. He agrees with me that the Gibbs portrait of Washington, has the coloring of the face injured by being steamed with alcohol. It is too raw – too white & red – the medium tints & glazings are gone. He thinks well of the Polk Washington & says he has seen & repaired one of them. He offers to line & clean this one for \$35.00, & I have written to the owner E. C. Bruce, Winchester, conveying the offer.

- 248** Letter from John Ott Esq. Richmond, stating that Valentine's bust of Com. Maury in marble will be cut by the artist for \$800. The artist he says, has no marble copy of it.

Dr Chauming brought Mrs Beecher Hooker to look at his "Gibbs" portrait. She was amazed to see it, for she could hardly realize that it was the same picture she had so often seen in Dr. C's house, -- to my mind, confirmation that the cleaner of the picture had disturbed the color.

Dr Hall, and gave further information about the sewer.

Profr. Venable of University of Va. called & left card in my absence.

V. 353 C. 26 \$6.50 P. \$27.65

### **Apl. 28**

Bright calm and pleasantly cool.

Letter from M. Gordon Smith, Staten Island stating that she had yesterday forwarded the portrait of D.D. Tompkins. She enclosed the Regulations signed. Wrote to him, asking price, date & originality.

Mr Chamberlin ^is to^ begin painting the outside work to-day or tomorrow.

Mr Rice came & took negatives of the Vestal (single figure).

Mr Corcoran called to inquire if Mr French had called to see about the sewer. Dr Hall came in. Mr French engineer to satisfy us that it would relieve the cellar from further inundations.

V. 97 \$23.00 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$1.25

**249 Apl. 29**

Rainy & raw.

E.C. Bruce letter about his Washington

Letter from E. C. Bruce about his Washington. Objects to having anything done in repairing ^it^ before the Art Committee buys it, and if it does not, he prefers to do it himself. Does not name its price. Wrote to him, also to Gen. Singleton, letting the latter know the objections to repairing. The portrait is "attributed" to Polk, & belonged to his great- uncle Dr Balmain, chaplain in the Revolutionary Army. It descended through his gathar to himself 1855.

84 young ladies from a school at Staunton Va. came here in four omnibuses in a heavy rain. I sent word to Mr Corcoran who walked here to meet them. The ladies enjoyed their visit very much, though not so much as they would have done, had they been allowed to break into groups - & not march round in two lines, often called to order by the lady in charge.

Pharmacoeia Convention.

Mrs Walworth of Saratoga Springs called, & while here I introduced her to Mr Corcoran (who had met years ago) and to Dr Hall. The latter had a letter from Dr Johnson referring to a proposed invitation of the Pharacopeia Convention (now here) to the Gallery, on some evening at on 5th or 6th of May. Mr Corcoran & Hyde assented, & Dr J. will notify me of the evening appointed.

Dr Jouy brought a lot of photos.

V. 295 C. 16 \$4.00 P. \$1.50

**Apl. 30**

A bright, windy but genial, after last night's heavy rains.

Dr. Chauming called to speak about his Washington, which he is invited to send to Boston Museum on Loan Exhibition.

- 250** Mr Rice (photographer) brought proofs o "Vestal", too heavy. he will try others. Wishes to work on Sunday. Consulted Dr Hall, & he waives objection to it. Notified Mr Rice. Sent tablet of Prest Harrison's portrait to Mr Elroy, to have artist's name on it, or make a new one.

Mr Corcoran ^called^ to see Dr Hall. The latter was not here. Mr Corcoran afterwards, came in & got measurements of the width of pavements & of streets, between this Gallery & the opposite corner of 17th. St.

Mr Thurston called & applied to exhibit a sunset view of Niagara here. He will send it next week.

V. 94 \$23.00 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$2.25

**May 1**

A bright beautiful may-day, - a little cool wind.

Letter from Genl. Eaton, conveying Mr. F. Regamey's thanks for offer of Electrotpe of Gallery, & desires it to be sent in time for his receipt of it before sailing for France on Wednesday. Sent to Gibson to learn if one could be got ready in time. To soon for a new one but he let us have one he had, which I have despatched to-day by express, to-day & written to him enclosing bill ↑for \$1.75↓. Also wrote to Genl. Eaton.

Letter from Mr Walters enclosing advertisements for two exhibitions of his gallery 8 & 15th May for the poor, & will have a free exhibition 20th. May, wishes me to come.

Portraits & Vignettes of Treasy Dept. Col. Irish

Col. Irish, Bureau of Printg & Engg. Treasy Dept. sent over full sett of promised Portraits & Vignettes Engd. with a letter, which I have acknowledged.

- 251** Boardman & Co sent up bills, & a note stating cost of large photo. envelopes is advanced to \$38.00 per 500 copies – nearly 8 cents instead of 5 cts apiece as former lots.

Mr **Thurston** called & stated his "Niagara" will not be sent from Steamship Office until Wednesday.

Statue of "Hermes" in Boston Museum

Dr Chauming called with two ladies, one of whom asked if we had a copy of the Hermes by Praxiteles, & stated that a magnificent photo of it is at the State Dept. in a German work just received there.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Jones came in. They were delighted with the Portraits & Vignettes from the Treasury Dept.

Dr Jouy presented bill \$109.20.

Letter from Genl. di Cesola, Metropn. Museum of Art, requesting ~~for~~ a copy of a photo representing one side of our gallery, for an artist friend.

While absent from the gallery, the delegation of Crow Indians came here for an hour – Fine-looking fellows in their Indian garb.

Col. Irish sent his clerk to day that there is no wish to receive a vote of thanks from the Trustees for the Portraits & Vignettes.

V. 350 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$2.00

## 252 May 3

Monday, a bright warm day. Open at 9.a.m.

Mr Rice took photos. yesterday by permission of Dr Hall.

Letter from Wm. Bruin, Lynchburgh Va. enclosing one to Mr Corcoran- answer **to care** of of Va. Midland Co. Rl Rd Co. Wrote to him.

Letter from Mrs. A. D. Corcoran 2017 Spruce St. Phila. acknowledging receipt of Photographs, wrote to her.

Mr Corcoran called & left a letter to him from J. Proctor Knott introducing to him Mrs Laura Blincoe who has a valuable painting for sale, & hopes it may be exhibited in the Gallery.

Went to see Col. Stevens about the statue of Apollo – not in. Mr Spofford will call tomorrow to see the Gibbs' portrait. Saw Genl. Singleton of Ill. I erred in directing my letter to O. H. Singleton of Miss. so of course he did not know what I told him to-day, of the contents of Mr Bruce's letter.

Wrote to Gen. Cesnola of Museum of Art, N.Y. that we had but small photos of pictures Gallery. Sent four of them.



Letter from Henry H. Harwood Richmond Va. no. 10 north 11th St. asking for names & addresses of 2 or 3 young oil & water-color artist, who he thinks if they are struggling with difficulties, he can assist.

Letter from Dr. W.W. Johnson appointing Wednesday 5th for the night exhibition for the Pharmacopia.

V. 40 \$7.50 C. 2 50cts P. 75cts

Men finished painting roof, except vallies.

## 253 May 4

Bright & warm.

Letter from Mr Walters, stating he had sent a Catalogue o Miss Hallowell.

Letter from G. A. Coolidge, Heliotype ^Printing^ Co. Boston, asking the loan of a few of our negatives (Hart's Cattle Scene among them) for them to test a new process of Heliotyping – rather objectionable.

Wrote to Col. Stevens, House Com. on Appropriations to know the price of the Apollo cast in his charge, for Miss Hallowell.

Replied to Mr Harwood's letter (Richmond Va.) by giving the names of Mrs. Mechlin, & Miss Le Conte, & Mr Seibert, as deserving artists.

Dr Hall called, also Mr Corcoran with city surveyor in reference to the position of this building. It seems that it really over a foot west of the building line on 17th. St. and consequently encroaches ^to^ the same extent on Admiral Lee's lot on the east. It all results from the errors of the original laying off of the lots, & Admiral Lee's claim rests upon recent ^or subsequent^ surveys.

V. 320 C. < . . > 20 \$5.00 P. \$2.00

## May 5

Warm, cloudy a little & sultry.

Mr Willard, painter of "Yankee Doodle" came with a letter from Mr Latimer. he is take his picture away to-morrow to Marblehead, Mass. where it is to remain, being sold.

Rec'd from Mr Regamey \$1.75 for electrotpe of building which I paid over to Gibson & Bros.

Mr Corcoran called with Mrs. Sprague of R.I. & another lady to examine the St. Memin Portraits.

- 254** Mr Thurston's picture arrived. Paid for cartage in it \$1.50. It is a very ordinary work, with some good & many bad points.  
Dr. W. Worthington Evans called & invited to call at his home to see a French painting. The Pharmacopæia Convention attended the Exhibition to-night.  
V. 76 x 6 \$19.00 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$4.50  
Night. V. 140 C. 5 \$1.25 P. 1.50  
Total 220 \$19.00 13 \$3.25 \$6.00

### May 6

Bright & warm fine summer day.

Saw at Dr Evans, a good picture of a girl in Reverie, by **Schumste** Phila.

Letter from Col. Stevens H. Committee. state appropriations, stating he is authorized & anxious to sell the Apollo cast, leaving price to me. Wrote to Miss Hallowell, about it.

Letter to Trustees enclosing resolution of thanks for attention to the Mass. Press. Assocn. from the Boston Journal.

Mr Taylor has removed & boxed "Yankee Doodle", and has also put in the frame Thurston's "Sunset on Niagara" which is placed where the former stood.

Removed Miss Dayton's lady-portrait & substituted Profr. Henry's. Wrote to her to remove the former work.

Photos. of Wylie's pictures

Mr Riggs of Paris called & spoke of the Wylie pictures of which he sent photos to us. Mr Corcoran came in & seemed interested about them. Mr C. brought two photos. sent to him by Mr Story of his sitting statue of Sardanapalus.

Mr Andrews called, & will leave for Cincinnati, to return in 2 weeks. he will send up his portrait of Mr Buchanan to be placed in side gallery. Sent it up & a lady's portrait.

- 255** Wrote to Miss Hallowell about the cast of Apollo.

Dr Culver called on part of Dr Evans to see if the Gallery would buy his picture, & whether he could quote my opinion of it to Mr Walters. Discouraged both propositions.

V. 489 C. 25 \$6.25 P. \$1.00

### May 7

Uncorrected transcription created by Corcoran archives staff under a grant  
from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Bright and summerlike.

Yesterday after closing of gallery, Knox's express wagon called for "Yankee Doodle", but the box was not directed, as I supposed, and the men will call tomorrow.

Hung Andrews' Buchanan and portrait of a lady in E. Gallery.

Gibson sent up bill for electrotypes of building (-\$1.00 to be paid) \$2.50.

Ordered new sett of towels for Wash-Room 2 ½ doz - \$7.50.

Wrote to Guillaume to take away St. Peter.

Paid \$3.00 for Mr Thurston, to Williams for unpacking &c pictures.

Mr Corcoran came in for a few minutes.

Dr Chauming called & intimated his wish that his "Washington" remain here for a while, & then a friend will state when it is to be sent to Boston.

V. 70 \$17.50 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$1.50

## May 8

Bright and summer-like. Ther. in our office 74°.

Hung Miss Lindsly's portrait by Mrs Towle in E. gallery.

Miss Dayton took away her crayon portrait of Miss—

Hon. Mr Aldrich of Providence called to look at the Gibbs portrait, & is under the impression that he ^Chauming^ intends to present it to Congress.

Andrews' "Buchanan"

- 256 Mrs Andrew Coyle called to look at Andrews' Buchanan & to meet Mrs Johnson, formerly Miss Harriet Lane. She thinks the "Gibbs Washington" looks as if ~~W~~ it represented a man scalded – not a bad version of my opinion – that it is too raw. She thinks too that Mr Buchanan's hands are too yellow & red, just what I said to the artist about them. While she was here Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came in, & with the former went to look again at the Buchanan, & with the former went to look again at the Buchanan. Mr Corcoran thinks it looks too young, too red in the cheeks. Mrs Coyle left her card for Mrs. Johnson if she calls.

"Yankee Doodle" picture taken away by Express.

Letter from Mr Chauning requesting me to place ~~the~~ his Washington in the gallery, on Wednesday 12th. & have it packed & sent off to Boston on ~~28th~~ 26th. Mr O'Connor will attend to the express charges on latter day. His address is W.D. O'Connor Life – Saving service, Treasy Dept.

Note from Rice & Bros. asking admittance to the Gallery tomorrow. Granted, in a note & pass.

V. 323 C. 16 \$4.00 P. \$2.75

### May 10

Monday. Bright & breezy, though the sun is hot.

Mr Rice was at work here yesterday (Sunday.)

The plaster statuette of the negro & hoe in the Bronze Room is reported broken in the hoe-blade.

Mr Walker (artist) called & was pleased with the position of his pictures.

The house-painters finished their work this morning.

257 Mr Von Reuth called & left check (\$4.00) for Williams – cashed.

Dr Hall, Mr Miller artist, & Miss Johnston called.

V. 65 \$15.00 C 6 \$1.50 P. \$1.50

### May 11

Warm, cloudy & signs of rain.

Cost of repairing roof of building & painting outside wood-work

Mr Thomas reports all the work on the roof as finished. He has measure the extent of painting. The total cost of repairs to the roof is as follows – Paints- \$40.00 – Painting \$118.00 Tin-work \$115.00. Thomas' services \$32.00 – Iron work Painting of outside wood work \$ Total much below what was anticipated. Dr. Hall has ordered Thomas to measure the work over again. Bill for \$9.00 – for L'Art – 1st vol. /80 from Bouton.

Letter from ~~Miss~~ M. Gordon Smith, enclosing a certificate of the authenticity of Jarvis' portrait of Govr. Tompkins once Vice-President from his son Marthon Tompkins N.Y. who states it was painted sometime during War of 1812, then Governor of N.Y. Mrs Smith stated that the portrait in the N.Y. Historical Society Library, was begun by Jarvis & finished by his son, so said the Librarian -- & that it is a caricature. Mrs Smith names no price.

Dr Corning & son called.

Mr Wm. T. Matthews artist, N. York brought photo of his portrait of Gov. Bishop of Ohio, which he wishes to exhibit here. Told him to bring it up. He also had photos of

full length portraits of Sumner & Lincoln, two copies of each if which paintings were ordered ^by^ the Negroes of Charleston S.C. but which they failed to pay for, and left on his hands!

1st. vol of "L' Art" for 1880 received.

Dr. & Mr Corcoran came in, also Dr Hall.

V. 194 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$4.50

## 258 May 12

Cool, bright & breezy, after yesterday's rain storm in the afternoon.

Mr Thurston called & paid bills for pictures \$4.50.

Mr Matthews (artist) called. He would like to exhibit a flower-piece also, and his portraits of Lincoln & Sumner if possible. He brought the portrait of Govr. Bishop of O. & flower piece & Bryant. Placed "Gibbs" Washington in the gallery, & brought down Schurz. Notified Ulke to take the latter away.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Jones called. He states that he has received a request from Mr Story to have his Sardanapalus ~~photogra~~ copy-righted. It was told him, that to do that, it is necessary to deposite a copy with the Librarian of Congress. Mr C. though it would cost \$20. We paid \$1.50 for it.

Mr Rice will send samples of photos to-morrow. As he does not need the screens to be off from the gallery sky-light, I will set them up to-morrow.

Drs. Hall and Blake called.

The statuette of the "Slave" repaired by Dr Barbarin.

V. 62 \$14.00 C. 12 \$3.00

## [May 13]

Bright, breezy & very cool.

Engaged John Mann to clean cellars for \$10.

Mr Corcoran sent up a note from John A. Lowell & Co. Boston to him enclosed with another & new lot of exquisite ^pictorial^ card designs, similar to those he left here some months ago. I acknowledged it. Mr C. came & took away the photos of Sardanapalus to be copyrighted.

Screens.

Screens placed over the sky-lights.

Messrs Thurston & Matthews artists called: the latter varnished his flower-piece – price \$500.

Dr Hall called.

V. 319 C. 20 \$5.00 P. \$2.25

**259 May 14**

Bright & cooler, with some wind.

Senators Dawes, Claflin & Hoar called to examine the Gibbs portrait. They seemed to like it.

Yesterday varnished the portrait of D.D. Tompkins which is much improved.

Wrote to Mrs. M. Gordon Smith about the Tompkins portrait.

Dr Jouy brought a lot of photos. Passed them.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called. The former secured the copyright of Story's Sardanapulus for one dollar & returned the photos. to Europe.

V. 60 \$12.50 C. 4 \$1.00

**May 15**

Bright, less windy but still cold enough for a fire, but we have none.

Mr Voorhees, chairman of the Library Committee called to examine the Gibbs portrait. He likes it better than the Athenaeum head, but thinks there is no proof to show that it was painted or touched over from life by Stuart, though undoubtedly his work. I shoved him the Jarvis portrait of D.D. Tompkins & he admired it very much. He was greatly struck with Morse's "Old Hall of Representatives" & says he will take a note of it, as it ought to be bought by Congress.

Boardman sent up envelopes for photos.

Mr Walker artist, & Govr **Packeece** of -- called. The latter certified to the correctness of the former's paintings of California scenes.

**260 John Mann finished removing ashes &c. Certified his bill \$10.00**

Mr & Mrs Johnson (Harriet Lane) & the Buchanan by Andrews

Mr. & Mrs. Johnson of Baltimore – the latter once Miss Harriet Lane – came & examined her uncle's (President Buchanan's) portrait by Mr Andrews. Mrs. J stated that she did not like the picture at all. She likes Healy's head in the Presidential series, and told me that he had a photograph of Buchanan for the figure, full-length. She admires him to lay it aside until his return from Europe.

Letter from Mr Coolidge, Boston, requesting negatives of the Drove at the Ford &c.

A Mr Laupf called asked for a positive of our Detaille negative to have it colored & then used in his lectures, when thrown a screen.

\$390 C. 18 \$4.40 P. 50cts

### **May 17**

Monday. Bright & much warmer, but this office is cool.

Mr. Rice photographer, did not come here yesterday.

Letter from F. C. Osburn, Pittsburgh, asking for Catalogue enclosing a postal card which I returned stating price.

Mr Corcoran sent up another lot of the Lowell &Co.

Letter from Mr Walter's enclosing cards for self & Dr Barbarin to his house collection on 200 – 21 & 22d. of May. I thanked him and sent his advertising bill -- \$23.43.

After consulting Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall & Mr Hyde, it is settled to close the gallery on Wednesday at 2 ½ p.m to enable the employees to see the great boat-race between Hanlan & Courtney.

Asst. Secy H. F. French sent for & took away his son's model of Law, Force, & Justice.  
V. 79 \$18.00 C. 13 \$3.25 \$3.00

### **261 May 18**

Bright & very warm.

Messrs. Matthews and Thurston, artists, called.

Mr Andrews & Maj. Williams called. he does not like Mr Matthews' work. I told him of Mrs Johnson's condemnation of his Buchanan, which surprised him. He approbation of it is necessary for the President's acceptance of it.

Mr Corcoran called & left word for Dr Hall to go with him to the boat-race – Dr Hall called & declined the invitation through ill-health.

Letter from Lowell &Co. in reference to the engraved cards. Wrote him.

Bill from Mr Smilie, charging \$5.00 for "Preparing for Church" negative, which not having accepted. I returned for correction.

Mr Barlow sent up & got \$7.00 worth of photos. unpaid.

V. 320 C. 20 \$5.00 P. \$1.50

**May 19**

Bright & hot with a little cool breeze.

Letter from Mr Walters enclosing cheque for \$23.43 for advertising.

Mr Andrews called & said good-bye – he leaves for Europe on Saturday.

Mr Corcoran called & reported Dr Hall as quite unwell. he got the date when Board paid for the three lots.

Messrs Thurston, Matthews & Profr. Bixby, called.

The Gallery was closed at 3 p.m. to visit the boat-race.

Mr Gordon & Mr Widmore called. The former is owner of the Tompkins portrait. He was surprised & delighted with its improved appearance. He is to see & get the names of the Library Committee. H

116 \$29.00 C. 10 \$2.50 Photos. \$1.50

**262 May 20**

Bright, breezy but warm.

Mr Gordon called at my house to see me about the 'Tompkins picture, & expressed regret at not meeting me.

Mr Scott came & took away the "Buchanan" by Andrews, replaced it with the portrait of Gov. Bishop of O.

Dunlap's "DeWitt Clinton"

Note from Col. Lyford, Ordnance Dept. enclosing a letter from Mr Newel N.Y. stating that a lady-friend of the latter has a portrait of DeWitt Clinton by Dunlap, & wishing to know if this Gallery would buy it. Replied by sending copy of Regulations for Exhibitors.

Dr Hall came for a short time, but is quite feeble. Miss Randolph Patapsco Institute, called & asked for Dr H's health, & says Mr Corcoran is to-day complaining of fatigue, in consequence of going to the boat-race.

V. 415 C. 22 \$5.50 P. \$5.00

**May 21**

Bright, very breezy – though hot.

Saw Mr Rice, who sends up samples of his photos. He says if he does the printing, he will charge the same for the negative, as Smilie did.



Dr Jouy came & got the list of the photos. we need.

Letter from Bierstadt artist ^with box^ enclosing a colored sample of what he proposes to do the Main Gallery walls – price \$1800. He wishes Mr Corcoran to see it.

Cost of last Catalogue

Gibson Bros. sent up bill – for the new edn. of Catalogue \$419.00.

263 Letter from F. C. Osborn, Pittsburgh, enclosing 28cts  
for catalogue & mailing. Wrote to her.

Wrote to Mr Andrews N.Y. enclosing a letter ↑of introduction↓ to a friend in Edinburgh.

Mrs. Colgate & afterwards Dr Hall came in. The latter seems better.  
V. 87 \$19.75 C. 12 \$3.00

## May 22

Cloudy, windy & terminating in heavy showers in afternoon.

Visit to Mr Walters' Gallery & Peabody Institute

Went to Baltimore to visit Mr Walters' collections, by card, & there being few visitors, had a quiet opportunity of studying them. He has made several additions – of pictures quite a large Breton – His ceramic collection is also larger, having new exquisite specimens, & his finest Japanese bronzes are now in a front room. The adjoining large room contained magnificent specimens of embroidered Japanese silks.

I visited the Peabody Institute where Dr Morrison the Provost of ~~the~~ it, showed me the cast galleries & others. The picture is painted maroon color on panel & is in good taste. The Cast gallery is calcimined the same color which I think is a mistake – being apt to be soiled, & the color to rub off. There were but few casts in it – many of them being in the cellar. They are chiefly duplicates of ours, but they have a full height copy of “David” which surprised me by its astonishing grandeur. Another great work id the half size bronze copy by Barbedienne of the Ghiberti Gate. These two objects rather eclipse anything we have, but the Gate is not as imposing & as our full size cast. One great excellence about these galleries, is the thorough ventilation.

Card from Mr Bult, New York, stating he had not recd seen a steel engraving of Profr. Henry.

V. 270 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$10.00

264 May 24

Cloudy & cool.

Sent off copies of Catalogue to F. A. Osburn 5th Av. 134. Pittsburg and to Dr Morrison Provst of the Peabody Institute.

Letter from Dr Vaughan Gordonsville, enclosing a letter to Mr Corcoran. He intimates that their Fine Art Teacher, Miss Parker proposes to visit Washington to study in this Gallery when their school closes - & wishes to learn of any moderate-priced house to board in - & to know if I can place in our gallery for a week, two or three oil-paintings for a week & then to have them returned, with my advice & criticism.

Gave Mr Sullivan a letter to Profr Baird about painting busts in the "Smithsonian" - advised him to write to Dr. Morrison, Baltimore, to know if any casts are to be painted & when.

Letter from Lowell & Co. Boston, stating he will forward future engravings without folding them, if possible.

At noon a large box addressed to this Gallery, came from Baltimore, on which I paid freight \$1.50. It contained a remarkably fine picture by an artist whose signature appears to be Knaupp, or something like it. It represents a ferry landing where the ferryman is delivering letters ^& papers^ to a party. Two young ladies bend over the stooping ferryman, eagerly waiting for expected letters, an old gentleman is reading a newspaper, an old woman is also watching ^the^ delivery, two young people under the shadowy willows are perusing papers, while beyond, an artist has left his painting stool, box & umbrella, and with palette on hand, hurries to get something, the faces are well-painted, the grouping good, while the play of light & shade over the whole scene is charming. The picture came from Myer & Hedam, Baltimore, but I know nothing of who sent it.

Mr Corcoran Dr. Reuhling & Dr Hall's bust.

- 265** Mr Corcoran soon after came in with Dr Blake, and at once said he had forgotten to send up a letter from Dr Reuhling of Balt. who owns this picture, & offers it for sale to this gallery. No price mentioned. At my suggestion I am to write to Mr Walters to-day & get his opinion of its merits, as Dr R says he (Mr W) recommends it as a acquisition to this Gallery.

Mr Corcoran likes the general design of Bierstadt's sample of the proposed coloring of the Main Gallery walls, but thinks the color is too heavy - particularly of the ceiling. He first thought the price \$1800 excessive, but subsequently thought it moderate. He requested me to place the bust of Dr Hall by Henry Brown in the Bronze Room, & write a piece in the paper about it.

Wrote to Mr Walters, about his opinion of Dr Reuling's picture.  
V. 37 \$8.75 C. 3 75cts. P. 75cts.

**May 25**

Bright and very hot.

Letter from Dr Chauning requesting "Washington" to be forwarded on the 26th. ↑to Boston.↓ I mistook it for the 25th. & found the error after the picture was boxed. This however enables me to hang the "Tompkins" by Jarvis, in its place.

Wrote to Ulke to remove his portrait of Secy Schurz.

Wrote to Dr Vaughan, Gordonsville, Female Institute, Va.

Wrote to Dr Reuling Balt. for name & price of Raupp's picture.

Mr Corcoran came, & I read to him the draft of the article I wrote for the exhibition of the small bronze bust of Dr Hall, which he liked very much.

V. 207 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$1.50

**266 May 26**

Bright and very hot – last night hottest of the season. Thr. 79 at ^9.a.m.^.

Note from Miss Derby, 113 Madison Av. N.Y. enclosing a dollar & two stamps for a copy of the "Dying Napoleon", which she says she sent for in a postal card some days ago. She supposes it was not sent to her, because she did not send the money. Her card was never received here. Sent her the front view by mail & wrote to her returning 18 cts.

Mr D. O'Connor called & stated he would have the "Washington" ^removed^.

Wrote to Mr Messer, artist, in behalf of Miss Parker & Miss Tunstall's friend who wish to study art, to learn his terms &c.

Mr Corcoran came in & stated his regret that so little was done to add choice works to the gallery.

Dr. Hall's last visit!

Dr Hall called & is in very poor spirits. 1 ½ p.m.

Wrote to Mr Bierstadt, giving the opinion of Mr Corcoran & myself about his sketch for coloring the M. Picture Gallery.

Mr Riggs sent card of introduction to Mr Dale of N.Y.

Letter from Berlin containing lists of old masters' specimens for sale – It is in German so must wait for translator.

Miss Denison (grand-daughter of Prest. Tyler) has returned from Europe & sends a tin-case containing a copy of the famous Beatrice Cenci for "my lenient criticism."

V. 61 \$14.75 C. 5 \$1.25 P. 75cts

**267 May 27**

Bright & hotter than yesterday. In this room at 9.a.m. Ther. 80°.

Letter from Jas. P. Bradish, Whitesboro, Oneida Co. N.Y. offering for sale at \$1,000, an old painting- "Conversion of St Paul" –Replied "not buying old pictures."

Wrote to Dr Channing, Providence, to Mr Coolidge Boston, declining the latter's request for negatives of the Gallery's work.

Mr. Thurston called. Has raised his price on "Niagara" to \$10.00.

Letter from Dr Reuling describing his picture, its name – "Arrival of the Mailboat" & its price -- \$2,000. The old man reading the paper is the portrait of a Munich lawyer; the artist has left his work ~~to~~ expecting to receive a check for his picture, but finds the latter returned to him. When in the Royal Academy the price was \$3,000. I sent the letter to Mr Corcoran.

Letter from Mrs. A.G. Bell asking if her portrait & child by Andrews, that was hung here last year, could be placed here again during the summer & autumn. Replied that owing to the pressing demand for new pictures I could not give it a suitable place at present. In a week or so, I might be able to receive it.

V. 225 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$1.75

**May 28**

Last night it became cooler. To-day hot though cloudy <sup>^our^</sup> Thr. 83°.

Letter from Mr Bierstadt agreeing with me that the "sketch" was too heavy. He thinks Stiepviech will put the price at the lowest figure.

Mr F. B. McGuire came in & stated that his wife was perfectly willing to have the small bust of Dr Hall exhibited in the Bronze Hall, but that Dr H. emphatically was opposed to any thing of the sort. He is unwell, is nervous & thinks he will die soon. It will disappoint Mr Corcoran.

Note from Messer artist, about the art school.

V. 73 \$17.00 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$2.00

**268 May 29**

Decoration Day.

Cool, breezy & cloudy – a great change since last evening. Therm. in our room at 9 a.m. 74°.

Note of acknowledgement for photos from Mrs. Jos. Milliken, Columbus A. Ass.

Miss Dennison called. Sent for stretchers to mount her picture.

Order for copies of new photo's. to Mr Rice.

Saw Mr Rice & gave an order for 25 copies each of the large Corday & Vestal (single figure) & 50 copies each of smaller Corday & Vestal. Cost of the larger photos \$1.25 ea – of the smaller 40cts ea. The larger negatives \$10.00 – the smaller 40cts.

V. 290 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$3.00

### May 31

Monday, bright breezy & cool after yesterday's rains. Therm at 2 p.m. 78°.

Dr Hall's increasing illness

Yesterday I found Dr Hall quite ill & desponding. He was not in bed. He thinks he is drawing near death, and this morning though he had a good night, he declares he is worse. His head suffers much, & much of his trouble is a terrible melancholy. Put Miss Dennison's Beatrice on stretchers.

A niece of Count Pulaski

Mr Clark architect called to tell that a niece of Pulaski would come here to see that hero's bust. She came & talked a great deal, the amount of it being that she wants to see it in the Capitol, though it stood there for years. She is Polish, has been in Siberia & when I happened to refer to the "distinguished Russian General Shoubaloff," she cried out "who ever heard of a Russian being distinguished for any thing."! Mr Clark admired the "sketch" of the gallery improvement, & spoke highly of the designer as a rapid worker. Mr C. brought a pictorial paper containing an engraving of the Arch of Philip, & description, which is in ~~the~~ our large work of Philip's entry into Antwerp. Mr Barlow sent up Mr Clingman's portrait at his request, & asked for the Rembrandt head belonging to Miss Markoe, & the portrait (said to be Com. Barry's) belonging to Mr Downing, which were sent to him. He showed on Saturday a letter from Downing authorizing to get the latter.

- 269 Mr Eicholtz called & complained of his ^picture^ being unhung. Put it up on the second line in the S. E. Gallery.  
Hung Polk's "Washington" in the Gallery – also the flower piece by Matthews.

Gen Mr Cook called & thought Gen. Bishop's portrait a good one.  
Saw Dr Hall in the evening. He was somewhat better.  
V. 50 \$11.00 C. 2 .50cts P. \$1.25

**June 1.**

Cloudy and sultry Ther. (in office) 10 a.m 78°.  
Letter from University of Va. acknowledging photos.

Letter to me from Miss Parker Art-Teacher, at Dr Vaughan's school at Gordonsville, stating she had sent 3 pictures of her pupils for m approval or vice-versa, to be returned on Monday 7th. –also one of hers as present to me. She will accept Mr Corcoran & my invitation to come & study in Gallery. The box containing the pictures soon after arrived. The pupils' pictures are of the usual character of boarding-school performances where the teacher is not a well-taught artist herself but an amateur. Her own work presented is ^a^ tastefully arranged group of palette, brushes & a garland of roses. Wrote to her.

Dr Hall much worse

Visited Dr Hall at noon & found ^him^ not so well as yesterday. He complains of great distraction of brain, & his tongue furred, & heat of skin, with a dull dazed expression of the eyes, fro the first time has alarmed me about his condition. It would be an unfortunate day for this gallery to lose him, & for myself I would lose in him my best & dearest friend.

Miss Le Conte will send a portrait for exhibition.

Mr Hegeman was away on leave, but his brother did not appear in his place as agreed upon.

V. 195 C. 9 \$2.25 P. 4.50

**270 June 2.**

Cloudy & cold enough for an overcoat and fire.

Dr Hall much better to-day – but still weak & desponding.  
Mrs. Davidge – and afterwards Mr Guillaume called.  
V. 32 \$8.00 C. 8 \$2.00

**June 3.**

Cool, bright & pleasant. Last night very cold. Ther. at 10 a.m 69°.  
Letter of acknowledgement of photos. from Princeton College.

Dr Hall seems somewhat weaker from action of medicine (enema) last night, after a good day. I think he will improve.

Gen Clingman called & said he would address a note to the Trustees presenting his portrait by Brown, if acceptable.

Sent four applications for sale of pictures, referred to the Art Committee at last meeting of Board to Mr Riggs.

V. 315 C. 10 \$2.50 P. 75cts

#### **June 4**

Still cool. Therm. at 10 a.m 71°.

Dr. Hall is better this morning though still very feeble.

Mr Riggs called & instructed to answer one of the letters handed to the Art Committee – to A.C. Bisbing Phila. –not buying pictures. He does not fancy The “Mailboat”, nor the “Spanish Knight”. He took away the other 3 letters to answer himself.

Mr Clarke Mills called & gave a lively account of the Inauguration of his Jackson statue at Nashville, & the honors heaped upon him.

V. 52 \$13.00 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$1.50

#### **271 June 5**

Warmer, partly cloudy – Ther. in this office at noon 72°.

Mr Clark, architect called for a few minutes, to know of the result of my interview with a niece of Pulaski.

Dr Hall is about the same to-day.

Visit of Indian Chiefs.

Two Indian Chiefs, their interpreters & a gentleman in charge came in & I escorted them around, explaining the various works. One chief is a Riccaree – “Son of the Star” – and elderly man in gold specs & looking in his store-clothes like a preacher- the other is a Gros Ventre (Big Bully) “Poor Wolf,” who had a turkey wing fan. They are part of the mixed band of Indians, on their way to visit the Indian School of Hampton Va. having visited a school at Carlisle Pa. I gave to each a copy of the photo of the Apaches in the Gallery.

Mrs Judge Loring called & will send for Miss Booth's Italian group to go to Miss Welling.

Dr Hagner called ^& paid^ \$120 for rent, which I receipted for in place of Dr Barbarin who had gone home, sent it away.

Genl. Clingman called & left a letter to the Board offering his portrait as a present. His address is Ashville, N.C.

V. 225 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$1.50

### June 6

Sunday. Saw Dr Hall, & thought him better, but insists he is dying.

### June 7

Cool, breezy and pleasant. Ther. at 9.a.m. 76°.

Acknowledgement of photos. from Mr French, Chicago Acady. F. Arts.

Letter to the "President" of the Gallery from A.P. Bowers (aged 19.) Brandy Station Va. stating his wish to learn landscape – painting. He sends also drawings of animals, & landscape, & wants to know what he can do to effect his object. Answered him. over

- 272 Letter from Lieut. Carl F. Palfrey, Whipple Barracks A.T. asking if we had photos. of Last Days of Napoleon – if so, of what size, what price – also points of view – also if I can tell him if he can get a photo of a statue of "The Victor" exhibited in the South Kensington Museum in /77. Answered, & sent list of photographs.

Death of Dr. J.C. Hall Prest. of Board Aged. 75 yrs.

A few minutes before 11 a.m. while I was preparing to go to see Dr Hall, Mr McGuire entered & with a broken voice stated he was dead! He went suddenly & quietly at 10.40 a.m. in the presence of four friends. I bitterly regret I was not present, as I would have been, had ^I^ as usual gone there before coming to the Gallery. It seems he was sure of dying to-day. He rose & dressed early, & had his reason clear until the last. He died while dressed & reclining on the sofa, & the change came suddenly. And so ended the life of my best & dearest friend! –the closest friend of Mr Corcoran Distinguished as a physician & man of science, & devoted to the best interests of this Gallery of Art, to which he was a daily visitor. The friend of the needy, a man of enlarged charities. I went to break the news to Mr Corcoran through his niece Miss Jones. He called me in, and for some moments was silently overcome, though afterwards rallied, & was calm. A Meeting of the Board was called at 10.a.m. tomorrow. Telegram to Mr Walters of Dr H's death.

Sent to him Miss N.L. Parker, Gordonsville Va. the 3 paintings of her pupils.



V. 53 \$13.00 C. \$2.00 8 cats. P. \$2.25

## June 8

Bright, breezy & cool. Ther. at 9. a.m. 70°.

Telegram from Mr Walters ^&co^ -he is away from Baltimar.

Meeting of the Board, on Dr. Hall's death.

At 10 a.m. The Board met, Messrs. Matthews, Riggs, Baird, Welling & McGuire, present. Mr Hyde is ill in bed. Mr Matthews called the meeting to order, & Dr Welling as chairman of committee with Mr McGuire & Riggs, read resolutions of condolence of over Dr Hall's death, couched in eloquence & touching terms.

273 It was also resolved to attend his funeral in a body, & the Curators were authorized to make all arrangements for hacks &c to be provided by the Board.

Mr Corcoran came in during the proceedings, and looked crushed, but calm. The meeting was sad every way, to short seems the time since Dr H. presided in its midst.

Answered letter of A.S. Bowers, Brandy Station. Culpeper Co. Va.

Answered letter of Lieut Palfry Prescott, N.T. & sent list of Photos.

Copies of the Board's resolution sent to the press - & to Mrs. Colegate with a ^private note from me^.

V. 207 C. 12 \$3.00

## June 9

Cloudy, damp, signs of rain. Ther. at 2.p.m. 74°.

Engaged three carriages from Cruit for Trustees & officers of the Gallery to attend Dr Hall's funeral at Epiphany Church at 10.a.m. to-morrow – To meet here.

Mr. McGuire (F.B.) will see that ample seats are reserved for the Trustees at the Church.

Mr Corcoran sent for me & I found him greatly depressed though calm. He wished to know the arrangements for the funeral, & was satisfied with them. he felt indignant at the newspapers charging for the insertion of the Board's resolutions. He also expressed to me how worried he was with the applications from persons to buy their pictures saying that "the Gallery which he had helped would prove a solace to him in his old age, was by these letters, an annoyance!" Poor man, I pity him indeed that he should be thus annoyed.

The undertaker called at my house at night, & gave me an order for the seats reserved for Mr Corcoran & ~~Dr Hall~~ the Trustees.

V. 41 C. 1 25cts P. \$3.75

## 274 June 10

Rainy & milder. Ther at 9.a.m. 91°.

The funeral of Dr. J.C. Hall.

The Board met at 9 ½ a. m. Present Mr Matthews, Messrs Hyde, Riggs, Baird, McGuire, Welling & Cook. At ten minutes to 10. they & the officers of the gallery, took carriages & went to Epiphany Church, where the funeral services over Dr. Hall were held. The burial was at the Congressional Cemetery. The church was filled with his friends, & the procession was very long. Mr Corcoran was able to attend. Fortunately it did not rain in advance of the regular day June 14. as many of the Trustees were going out of town.

On returning to the Gallery, I found a cards of Messrs Bierstadt ~~artist, & also~~ Le Clerc artists, who had called & left another sketch of the proposed color of the Main Gallery walls, much lighter and more agreeable. Soon after Mr A. came in & we went to Mr Corcoran's where we submitted the new sketch, which Mr . admired, & thought would suit. I am interested to write to Mr Stiepevich for a distinct proposal to do this work, in every particular – whether in oil or in fresco.

Mr Rice sent up beautiful proofs of the Greek Slave, and wants to know which of the views we prefer. He will have to try again for the large negative.

An eloquent sketch of Dr Hall's life, appeared in the "Star" last night.

## June 11

Cloudy & damp, but in the afternoon hot & bright. Ther. at 3 p.m. 79°.

Prepared my Contingent account & submitted it to the Board which met at 12. M: all present but Messrs. Cook & Walters. Mr Corcoran was present.

Among other proceedings were the following:

- 275 Letter from M.R. Kobleigh Berlin, offering old pictures for sale, was read & the curator authorized to notify him, "we were not buying such pictures, " old masters.  
Genl. Clingman's picture was accepted, & Curator directed to notify him, with thanks.

Dr Reuling's landscape of "The Mail Boat," declined, & the Curator was directed to notify him, that it was not of the class suitable for this Gallery.

The "sketches" of Mr Stiepevich was submitted & the Art Committee was authorized, to secure plans from him for doing the work.

Mr Edward Clark, architect of the Capitol was unanimously elected a Trustee in the vacancy caused by Dr Hall's death. (An admirable selection & fit successor to Dr H. Mr

C. has a useful & warm friend to the Gallery, and I am glad to think that he is a personal friend of mine).

Mr McGuire had brought up the small bronze bust of Dr Hall by young Henry Brown, & the committee on Works of Art is authorized to secure from that artist, a satisfactory copy life-size, either in marble or bronze, according to the Committee's judgment.

Wrote a private note of congratulations to Mr Ed. Clark, upon his election to the vacancy in the Board of Trustees, by Dr Hall's death.

Mrs Gabandine called. I will look at her picture 1304. G. St.

V. 46 + 20 \$11.50 C. 7 \$1.75

## **276 June 12**

Bright and pleasant.

As I was about to leave home for the Gallery to-day, I was seized with a violent illness – cholera morbus which kept me to the house & bed until Friday June 18. The following incidents are from the minutes of Dr Barbarin.

Mr. John Cranch called to see me about his pictures.

Mr. Clark's first call after election

Mr E. Clark, architect, called, having rec'd Mr Hyde's letter announcing his election as Trustee in place of Dr Hall deceased.

Dr Barbarin by my request wrote to Mr Reuling, stating that the Board has declined taking his "Mail-boat" - & also to Mr Rice explaining that my sickness kept me from selecting the view of the large "Greek Slave", as he requested.

V. 185 C. 5 \$1.25

## **June 14**

Monday, clear & pleasant.

Letter from Mr Ezekiel, stating statues of Angelo & Durer had been shipped. He says the costume of latter is authentic.

Mr Matthews removed his portrait of Gov. Bishop. Did not take his flower piece, or "Bryant" head.

Genl. Clingman called to know if his portrait was accepted.

McGuire, father & son, & Dr Toner called. I

V. 27 \$5.75 C. 1 25cts.

### **June 15**

Mr Hyde called & corrected minutes of last meeting of Board.

Notified Mr Clark of his selection on Building & Legislation Committees.

Hedgman got leave of absence from date to July 6.

Mr Corcoran brought in a letter to him from Ezekiel – in reference to the draft for \$600,  
which was sent to him next day – 16th.

Letter from to Mr Corcoran from Mrs. E. M. Pickering, offering pictures for sale,  
answered by Mr Hyde. She says one is a portrait of Christ by St. Luke.

Rec'd letter of acknowledgement of election to Mr Hyde, from Mr Clarke, who called at  
2.45 p.m.

Dr Jouy left photographs.

Spotted Tail & some 30 other Indians called – no longer a novel sight.

V. 184 C. 7 \$1.74 P. 75cts

### **June 16**

Cloudy, with a little rain.

Sent 2 photos of Napoleon to J. A. Campbell, Albion, Ia.

Wrote to Genl' Clingman, the Board's acceptance of his portrait.

V. 64 – 17 \$16.00 C. 3 75cts. P. \$2.30

### **June 17**

Clear and cool.

Mr Guillaume removed portrait of Govr. Robertson, & left "Arab Chief" again.

Sent photos of "Dogs" to S. Thayer, Syracuse N.Y.

Answered Mr Robertson's letter by list of photos & postal card.

V. 301 C. 10 \$2.50 P \$2.25

**June 18**

Clear & pleasant.

Fence between Gallery & Adl. Lee's lot out of repair, reported to Mr Hyde.

\$ Draft for \$6.00 upon Mr Corcoran by Ezekiel, is paid.

Life-size bust of Dr Hall ordered

Mr Riggs has ordered a life-size bust in bronze of Dr. Hall, of Mr Brown \$400.

Stiepevich & Co's proposals to paint M. Gallery

V. G. Stiepevich & Co. N.Y. sent proposals to paint Main Gallery wall & ceiling for \$1800. addressed to Mr Corcoran, also a letter to me from Mr Bierstadt, commending the 2d sketch. Mr Corcoran called, just after I came to the Gallery after a week's absence from illness. I read him the letter from Stiepevich & co, ~~to me~~ & Bierstadt's letter, & he liked the 2d. sketch much better than the first. He was full of interest in having the work done at once, & sent the letter to Mr Riggs who disapproves of it, & says if Mr C. approves of it or wishes to authorize it he will resign all action in it. Mr Corcoran at once directed me to write to S. & Co & invite them here to state & explain plans, which I did. Mr Corcoran expressed great distress over the death of Dr Hall, & the want of harmony & quick action in the Board.

V. 38 + 2 \$9.50 C. 4 \$1.00

**June 19**

Bright & hotter. I feel much stronger, but still weak.

Portrait of Mrs. Bell by Andrews, sent down here.

Saw Mr Rice & brought up a superb proof the "Greek Slave".

Prest. Jones & fifty pupils of a Columbia S.C. school came in. Mr Corcoran coming in was introduced to them & it cheered him much to chat with them. He admired the new "Greek Slave" photo, while here. I received a dispatch from Stiepevich stating he would be here on Monday, & he desired Mr Clark to be invited to meet him, which was done.

V. 267 C. 25 \$6.25 P. 50cts.

**June 21**

Monday. Bright, breezy & warm.

Letter from Dr Reuling, asking if his picture cannot be kept here until Autumn, or if I can place it with some friend & sell it for a commission! Replied.

Mr Stiepevich came in at 9 a.m. with samples of his fresco

- 279 work in the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, Messrs, Corcoran Clark & Matthews arrived, & examined Mr S.'s new sketch. A meeting of the Board called for tomorrow to decide upon it. He says he can begin on July 16 & finish Sept 16. ~~It~~

Got authority for Mr Thomas to mend the east fence, ~~Saw~~  
Saw Mrs F. B. McGuire, I read to her my notice about the Hall bust, (As I had to Mr Corcoran) & she is willing to have it exhibited in the Bronze Hall.

Letter from Miss Parker saying she would be here on Thursday ~~and~~ or Friday, I at once wrote her of the work ^about to be^ ordered by the Board, & if so, the picture-galleries would most likely be closed for 2. months.

Sent word to Mr Rice, to use plain cards for his photographs.  
V. 35 + 2 \$8.75 C. 4 \$1.00 P. \$2.75

## June 22

Bright & warm.

Gave to editor of "Star" notice of the Hall bust for Saturday's paper.

Col. Clark, Bureau of Education, called & is in search of everything pertaining to the history of this Gallery, for a book devoted to a notice of all art-institutions of the country. I gave him the "Star" with the "Lee" Correspondence.

Board met at noon. Mr Corcoran present, Messrs Hyde, Matthews Riggs Baird & Clark. Mr Stiepevich explained his designs. The whole plan was adopted, & placed in the hands of Mr Clark. A contract to be made that the work be done between July 16 & Sept. 15 – for \$1800 including all expenses. It was also understood that the upper galleries be also closed to the public on July 1st. & remain so until the work is completed.  
"Critic" editor called about his bill for \$7.12 for ↑printing↓ resolutions in memory of Dr Hall – They solicited printing them = unsettled.

Mr Corcoran gave me a letter from Mr Gerrazare New Orleans offering to sell 4 small allegorical pictures by "Gerard" & one anonymous portrait, & wished me to answer it.

Mr J. Maury called & we had a long talk about Dr Hall.

Miss Brooks the butter sculptress of the Centennial Year, called. She has been to Paris, & now models in clay. She has a bust in clay at the Smithsonian which she wishes me to see. She shewed photos of some of her works, but they show ignorance of drawing.  
V. 160 C 8 \$2.00 P 75cts

## June 23

Bright breezy & warm. Thr at noo 84°.

Thomas (carpenter) & Mr Wilson, architect, came & took measurements for scaffold for Stiepevich.

Mr Clarke called with the contract in due form, which was signed by him & Mr S. I went after & got a plasterer to do the necessary work preparing the ceiling.

Profr Siddons called.

"Post" sent in a bill for \$11.00 for printing the "Hall" resolutions!

Note from Mrs Gabandare. Sent word could not now receive her picture.

Mr Coolidge of the Heliotype Co. Boston. He wishes to get a negative of the "Drove" merely to put copies in their sample book, not to sell them. Will consider the matter.

Mr Stiepevich left for New York.

V. 22 + 2 \$8.00 ~~C. 32 \$8.00~~ C. 3 75cts

## June 24

Bright & hot. At noon Thr. 84°. at 3 p.m. 87°.

Wrote notices to remove their pictures to Judge James, Mrs Morrell, Van Reuth & H.P. Gray.

Taylor took measurements for scaffold for gallery pictures.

V. 170 C. 4 \$1.00

## 281 June 25

Bright & very hot, last night hottest of season. Ther. at 4 p.m. 87°. ^at 9.a.m 80°.^

Ordered Taylor to make stands to rest pictures against. He is to make a complete scaffold for removing pictures, painted &c \$22 to \$25.

Mr Clark brought an old ^English^ copy of Fresnoy's History of Painting 1695, to give me a view of the ancient artist whose names are to appear on the ceiling. I will select them for his approval.

Sent notices to remove pictures to Mrs Hughes, Mr Condict Mr Solomon & sent notice to Genl. C. Ewing.

Mr Corcoran & grandson George came in. I read my reply to Mr Gazarre's letter, which he appeared & mailed.

V. 18 \$4.75 C. 3 75cts

## June 26

Bright, & very hot, with some breeze: rain last night.

Therr. at 9 a.m. 82°.

Mr Riggs sent a note of acknowledgment from H.K. Bush Brown of the order for the life-size bronze bust of Dr. Hall.

Letter from H.P. Gray, agreeing to have his "Flag" in our Gallery.

T.H. Bartlett, sculptor, Boston, writes to get a photo of Barye the sculptor, not being to get one from Paris; sent one of ours & wrote.

Mr Corcoran called, expecting to see Mr Clark, who afterwards came with some designs by Barry R.A.

Arranging names of old & modern masters for the cornice & ceiling.

V. 145 C. 8 \$2.00 P. 75cts.

## **282 June 28.**

Monday Bright, breezy, but very. In this office a cool place gen- Ther stood at 1.p.m 88°. at 4 p.m 90°, highest point this season.

Mr Cranch brought a portrait of the late Genl Butler Senator of S. Ca. uncle of Preston Brooks who assailed Mr Sumner, for sale. His address care of Dr Thos. F. Moses, Urbana O.

Went to see Genl. Le Duc. He will be back tomorrow. The chief clerk promised to let him know about the necessity of moving his pictures. I mailed to him the letter, Thomas failed to leave there.

Letter from Mr Kobleigh Berlin – in German.

Engaged Mr McElroy to examine frame of "Vestal Tuccia".

Dr Hall's bust in the Room. My notice of it & him in Saturday's "Star"

Placed H.K.B. Brown's bust of Dr Hall in the Bronze Hall.

Mr Buzac will take away his two pictures. Gave order to Barlow.

Miss Le Conti, brother took away her portrait. Mrs. Mechlin took hers.

Mrs Morrell had her Decline of Rome removed.

V. 22 + 5 \$5.50 C. 2 50cts

## **June 29**

Bright & breezy – not so hot as yesterday – at noon 83°.



Letter from Mrs Condict, expressing content to let their picture rest here this season.  
Answered.

Letter from R. L. Newman, Boston, 53, Hancock St. He wishes to sell a Girl's head 18 x 22 by W.M. Hunt – also a Boy's Head by Carl Mon- Monginot, pupil of Couture, same size. Are at Doll & Richards. Price of first \$1,000 of latter \$300. Answered.

Mr McElroy came & bargained to repair the frames of the Vestal, Regiment, Satyrs. Fun & Fright, & Fete of St. John, for \$25.00.

283 Wrote to Messrs. Adolph & Edward Van Reuth to remove latter's pictures Mr Corcoran & his grandson George came, liked the position of the Hall bust, but does not like the hair of the Butler portrait by Cranch.

Letter from Mrs Carl Guthrey, asking permission to let "Spring" remain here until a few days after July 1.  
V. 175 C 4 \$1.00

### June 30

Bright, breezy & pleasantly cool Ther at noon 80°.  
Sent advertisement to papers that the upper galleries will be closed until Sept. 15. from tomorrow.

Mr A. Van Ruth came & engaged Taylor to take down & box his brother's pictures, to go to Baltimore.

Genl. Le Duc sent for & got his portrait & Walkers pictures.  
Mr Solomon's sent for & got his "St Catherine".  
Mr Matthews ~~sent for~~ took away his "Bryant", & will send for his "Flowers".  
Dr Jouy ~~paid~~'s bill \$118 – certified.

Mr Taylor brought in & set up the scaffold for removing the pictures.  
At 3 ½ p.m. the copyists closed their work, not to be resumed until the galleries are reopened in September.

Letter in French from F. Monheims, Anvers. calling attention of this Gallery to a Correggio & other specimens of old masters he owns. The letter is addressed to "Monsieur le Directeus of du Musee National de Tableaux – Washington, and yet it was marled in pencil with "Opened by mistake by the ^Director of^ Marine Band!

Visitors 26 \$5.25 C. 4 \$1.00cts

### July 1st.

Cloudy, mild & signs of rain. Thr. at noon. 82°.

Taking down the pictures

At the Gallery at 8 a.m. Taylor & four men at the work of getting down the picture. The platform worked very well, & one third of the paintings were down at noon.

Dr Ruehling sent order for his picture to go to Barlow's. It went and the freight bill \$1.50 was paid.

Carl Guthery's picture of "Spring" sent to Gen M. J. Wright by order of A.J. Kellar.

Found that the pictures were more easily stored in the other galleries than I supposed. The edge of the Guizot portrait I found scaling off, because in lining it Mr Barlow said the canvass shrunk so much that he had to use the turned over part of it to fit the frame, & as he had painted this part over, it scaled off, so I engaged Mr McElroy to insert a gift strip of an inch in width to cover this part, \$6.00.

The quantity of dust behind the pictures from the reasonableness of my urgent appeals to the Board previously to have them down to be cleaned & examined. The frames of some are cracked & split by the heat of the gallery, and the "Satyrs" shows ma<sup>r</sup>^ks of cracking.

Mrs Hughes writes to know if her pictures are removed. The messenger went to get a man to take them down.

Note from young Mr Brown asking me to send him the Bronze Bust – his was model is injured. Sends no authority from Mrs McGuire – Wrote to Mr F.B. McGuire to know if ~~h~~ I can send it.

Postal from Revd. Boyd Vincent, Pittsburg Pa. asking price of large photos. of Corday & Lost Dogs.

Some ladies just from Europe came here in charge of another lady, who express her dis  
V. 114 C. 5 \$1.25

## 285 July 2

Cool and pleasant. Ther. at 4 p. m. 82.

The workmen were at the Gallery at 8.a.m.

All the pictures were taken down at noon, and before 4 p.m. were dusted & stored away in the other galleries. The dusting &c was a very dirty job, from the quantity of dust collected on the backs.

Found the "Drouth" terribly cracked in the upper parts the main figure of the "prophet" extremely so.

The frame of the "Talking Well" is so damaged, and also that of the "Flowers" & Cat. that I had to give them to Mr McElroy for repair, \$3 ½- & 4 ½ respectively.

Mr Taylor moved the bits or supports for Caesar, & "Eberhard" lower down. The only change to be made now is, "Shakespeare" and ~~Man~~ "Justice to Pym" to ~~be~~ change places.

There will be much work in cleaning & varnishing the pictures when re-hung.  
V. 22 50cts. P. 75cts

### July 3

Very cool early in the morning. At noon 76°.

We have been troubled with myriads of fleas in the cellar and now they are invading our office, & the Janitor's Rooms.

Wrote Rev. B. Vincent, Pittsburgh, & gave sizes & prices of "Corday" & "Dogs".  
Sent Williams' receipt for \$3.00 to Mr Adolph Van Reuth.

Note from T. H. Bartlett Boston, enclosing \$1.00 for Barye's photo & another, Sent it.

V. 126 Photos \$1.00

### 286 July 5

Monday- The Fourth is observed to-day. Weather cool, cloudy, though towards afternoon sultry, ending in a fine rain. Came to the Gallery at 8 ½ a.m. & worked until ¼ to 6 p.m. at my copy of the left hand group in the Eve of St. John, which (waiting for its frame) I had brought down in my office, & took advantage of a day's undisturbed leisure, to paint it. This work is what my friend Miss Tunstall has for two years urged me to copy, but could not on account of the heat in the gallery, & the presence of work. Made a good start on it.

~~Sev~~ Postal from Mrs M. H. Slaughter Lynchburg Va. asking if I can send her a light copy of cabinet "Corday". I am to let her know, and if there is one, she will at once send for it.

### July 6

Bright & breezy. Ther. at 2 ½ p.m. 82°.

Sent a light cabinet photo to Mrs Slaughter, Lynchburg. Wrote her.

Gave Mr Thomas an order upon Willet & Libby for lumber.  
Attendance at the gallery very slim. Not yet decided whether to charge for admission.

Wrote to M H.K.B. Brown Newburgh, explaining why the Hall bust was not sent.  
Thomas the fireman absent to-day.  
V 140 C 2 50cts P \$1.25

### **July 7**

Bright and pleasantly cool – Ther. at 10 a. m 79°.

Mr Thomas is taking in his lumber for the scaffold.

Mr F.B. McGuire writes me to send the Hall Bust to Mr Brown jr.  
Mr Thomas made a box for it, & packed it with saw dust. Sent it & wrote to Mr Brown.

**287** Dr Barbarin left at noon.  
Thomas (fireman) has not appeared to-day.

Mr Clark (Trustee called & was surprised that the work was not more advanced. He thinks Stiepevich expected to be here tomorrow.

V 44 C 2 50cts

### **July 8**

Bright & very warm. At noon Therr. 85°.  
Thomas (fireman) & Mr Hedgman on duty.

Letter from Miss Hallowell, Chicago. Declines at present taking the “Apollo” cast, but wishes Mr Sullivan to come there to paint casts.

Letter from Rev. Boyd Vincent, enclosing cheque for \$1.50 for two photos. of Corday & Dogs. Sent them, with a letter.  
Postal card from Bartlett Boston, acknowledging photo.

Gave to Mr Hyde application for 30 days’ leave absence, & asked if the Gallery could not be closed at 3.p.m. He will see about it.

Mr Matthews called. He will talk with Mr Hyde about 3 p.m. hour.  
Letter from Mrs M.H. Slaughter, Lynchburg enclosing 50cts for “Corday”.

Letter from M. A. Wilson painter of "Woman's Devotion", in reply to mine of June 24 requesting removal of his picture by July 1st. & gives his address of his brother N.Y. to whom I wrote saying the picture is safe, & can remain for the present.

V. 81 C. 4 \$1.00 P. \$2.00

**288 July 9.**

Bright, hot & breezy Therr at 9.a.m. 78°. Noon 85°.

Mr Sullivan came. I read Miss Hallowell's request to him & he will go to Chicago, as soon as he received a traveling ticket. Wrote to her.

Mr Clark called. He suggests to me to write to-day to Mr Stiepevich, to come on at once; and if he is not here on Monday to telegraph him.

Sent for Leary, plasterer, who came late, & on examination of the cornice & ceilings found so many more cracks than he expected, & that much of the ornamental work of the cornice must come down, & that the plaster between some of the brackets came off in large pieces, that he declared the work could not be done for what he agreed to do it - \$10.00. Consequently I wrote to Stiepevich & Co, & asked him to telegraph his wishes in reference to this extra work, and to come here on Monday.

V. 18 C. 1 25cts.

A Mr Hart, lawyer of Phila. & art contributor to "Art Review" called & wished to see the "Shipper" portrait by Stuart, which could not be done. He says, Shippen was Governor of Pa. in the Revolution not "under the Crown" as the Catalogue states.

**July 10**

Very hot – last night extremely so Ther. at 10 a.m. 84°.

A large stucco capital of one of the supports of the electric lights in the Main Gallery, fell yesterday afternoon.

Mr Rice sent up proofs of Small "Slave" & the large "Vestal".

Excursion party from Penna.

The scaffold will not be finished to-day, no word from Mr S.

Mr Klein (author of Guide to Washington, called & got names of certain artists who painted portraits at the White House.

V. 118 C. 2 50cts P. 25cts

**289 July 12**

Monday. Very hot. Ther at 9.a.m. 93°. at noon at 4 p.m.

Letter from Stiepevich & Co. N.Y. They can only repair cracks in walls & ceiling – nothing more. Mr S. is busy on his cartoons, to be ready when we notify him. Mr Clark called & was surprised at the purport of the above letter. He advised me to write to S. & quote the terms of the contract.

There is in all the morning city & Balt. papers a notice of Mr Corcoran's being so ill at the White Sulphur Springs yesterday with paralysis, as to send for Mr Hyde & Dr Tyler. It seems that yesterday's extra "Critic" printed a copy of the telegram Mr Hyde received, but added ~~exagge~~ exaggerated details. Mr C. said nothing of paralysis, but wished Mr Hyde to bring his will with him & Miss Jones his niece. There was a difficulty in finding that lady, & M. C. then replied it was necessary for her to come, but wished Dr Tyler to come- showing he was better.

This extraordinary breach of the privacy of a private telegram on the part of the "Critic" is provoking & mischievous, for its exaggerated report of paralysis has alarmed many of Mr C's friends who send here inquiring about his condition.

My application for leave between this & October (occasionally taken, is granted).

Sent a telegram to Stiepevich to come on.

Letter from T.D. Wilson N.Y. in reference of keeping Woman's Devotion until next session Congress. Answered it, consenting.

Leary states he will charge \$35.00 for repairing cornices &c.

V. 30 C. 1 25cts P. 75cts

## 290 July 13

Still very hot, though with breeze at 10 a.m. 86°. -at 4.p.m 93°. the highest point in this office this season. It must be 100° outside.

Letter from Lt. Palfrey. Aa. asking for unmounted photos. of Napoleon front & profile, Discobolus (Myron's) Venus of Milo, Gladiator & "Satyrs"- and if suitable "Fontainebleau". Will send postal order for \$3.00. Sent order to Jouy, who will attend to it.

Note from Thos. Haden, Steubenville O. wishes to sell Sir Wm. Hamilton books. Wrote to him, Board would not meet until Octr.

Mr Freyer plasterer examined the ceiling & cornice of our main Gallery & would not undertake the job of repairing there under \$3.00 a day-no contract. Me Stiepevich has not arrived nor has he written.

Mr Clark called with a model of the self-adjusting ventilation & its inventor. He wished to have an estimate made of the cost of cutting 5 additional doors between the skylights – 3 on the north side & one at each side. Mr Thomas thinks it would cost about \$15. He (Clark) will leave for the north to-morrow, but will call tomorrow.

Telegram from ^Mr^ Hyde to Mr Riggs, says Mr Corcoran is getting along nicely.  
V. 57 C. 1 25cts

### July 14

Still hot with some breeze.

Went on an excursion all day down the Potomac.

Letter from Mr Stiepevich. He will be here on Monday, & will send his materials in advance.

Letter from Miss Hallowell, saying a pass will be forwarded to Mr Sullivan.

Postal card from Rev. Boyd Vincent- His photos. have arrived.

Money order from Lt Palfrey, for \$3.00 for unmounted photos.

V. 6 C. 1 25cts

### 291 July 15

Hot, though breezy. Ther. at 9.a.m. 82° - noon 85 ½° - 4 p.m.

Mr Hyde has returned & reports Mr Corcoran as all right. He will speak to Mr Matthews about the 3 p. m closing.

I learn to-day that Leary the plasterer had in my absence yesterday blamed me for telling him to "Fill up the cracks in the ceiling" –for getting that that was the order given to him by Stiepevich, & that the Gallery had nothing to do with his bargain with Mr S. Irish impudence!

Messrs Hyde & Matthews have authorized Mr Thomas to cut the five doors in the Main Gallery skylights, & lay plank around the lower skylight, Gallery to find material- & pay Thomas by the day.

Profr W. Latham West Va. University, Morgantown, W.Va. wishes to get a fine copy of Greek Slave.

Mr McElroy will send up frames he repaired this afternoon.

Mr was sent here by Mr Clark to inquire about regulating the electric lights in the Main Gallery, which he can do.

V. 70 C 1 25cts P. \$2.75

**July 16**

Hot though breezy. Ther at 9 a.m. 80° - 4 p.m. 88.

Mr McElroy brought the frames repaired – some were done so indifferently that he took them back.

Dr Jouy brought another print of Satyrs.

Thomas has opened one day between the skylights.

Visitors 22 no sales of catalogues or photos!

**July 17.**

Breezy and not so hot.

McElroy brought all the frames, but found a mistake in the slip to the Guizot picture.

Will finish it on Monday.

292 Mr Thomas has finished cutting all the doors above the  
skylights, & will bring the frames on Monday.

Mr French of Chicago called.

Mr Stiepevich's working materials arrived to-day, paid \$3.35 on freight for them.

Dr Barbarin called at 9 a.m. but left for the day.

V. 61 C. 1 25cts

**July 19**

Hot still. Ther. at noon 82°.

Mr Stiepevich arrived with his men. He finds difficulty in getting a proper plasterer. He has made designs for heads of medieval artists representing four schools, for the fresco medallions, whereas Mr Clark wished those heads to be of the old Greek artists.

The plasterers are at work, & Stiepevich's men are sizing the ceiling.

Mr McElroy came & finished his work on the Guizot frame.

Mr Hyde sent up a letter from Mrs Elizabeth A. Parkhurst Boston, recommending purchase of the purchase of portraits of Christ, & Virgin Mary, painted by St. Luke, & belonging to P or in charge of Professor Kraus (ancient languages) Boston. Wrote to her that Mr. Hyde had answered a similar application. Finding I had erroneously stated to Lt. Palfry that 25cts. was the cost of the photos. I wrote that if he accepted the "Fontainebleau", his order would pay for the "Toilette"- & all. The price was 40cts each.

V. 29 no sales.

**July 20**

Warm but breezy – in the evening a shower & cool wind.



Vaile's ventilator- Stiepevich begins his work

Mr Stiepevich is at work on the scaffolds, laying out his cartoon. Mr Geddes & Mr Vaile called. The latter brought his model of an ventilator, which he explained, and after examining the building, gave an estimate for 12 of them to cost \$228.

Postal card from Mr Brown, Newburgh. The Kall Bust is returned.

Wrote to Mr Clark, notifying him of Stiepevich's designs.

**293** of portraits of the medieval masters for the ceiling, & asked his opinion. Also mentioned Geddes & Vaile's visit & the latter's proposition.

Visitors 85 C. 1 25cts

### July 21

Cool with a north-east wind. Ther. at noon 75°.

This is the anniversary of the Battle of Bull Run.

Wrote to Mr Brown acknowledging return of the Hall Bust.

Dr Barbarin left at noon. Will be away tomorrow.

Professor Dashiell, St John's College called.

V. 159 C. 2 50 P. 1 75ct

### July 22

Heavy rain & cold wind all day. Ther. at 3p.m. 73°.

Excursion party from West Va. & Pa.

Mr Mayer, artist from Annapolis called. He will send a picture here when the gallery reopens.

Mr Stiepevich is putting on the ceiling the color on which he is to paint. A very agreeable light buff.

V. 75 C 1 25cts P. 75cts

### July 23.

Cloudy & cool. Ther. at 9.a.m. 80°.

Got a German friend to translate the letter of Mr. Kobligk, Berlin- & which I have answered.

Rec'd from Mrs Colegate sister of Dr Hall, a present of his inkstand tray, pens &c – a valuable memento.

Mr Thomas wishes to draw some money from Mr Hyde in order of Mr Stiepevich.

V. 76 C. 2 50cts P. 75cts

**294 July 24**

Cloudy & sultry- Ther. at 9.a.m. 75°.

Mr Hyde objects to advancing money to Thomas on order of Mr Stiepevich, without consulting others. If Mr. Thomas will call next week, he will see what can be done.

Postal from Mr Clark "on the wing." He says Mr Stiepevich can go on with his medallion portraits – ventilators can wait until his return.

Mr Algeo, sculptor of Charlotte Cushman bust called.

Wrote to Mr Corcoran about the work in Main Gallery.

Mr Stiepevich has painted the frame of a medallion, & part of scroll work. Very graceful, but not so neutral as I expected.

Mrs. Peck called to propose to sell a picture from the Stevenson collection.

V. 209 C. 1 25cts.

**July 26**

Bright and warm Ther at 9 a.m. 78°.

Miss Darrell (janitress) writes me that another leg was broken off the Diana deer, by her brother, while dusting it. Sent to Mr

Letter from Miss Hallowell of Chicago, enclosing pass for Sullivan.

Mr Stiepevich has painted in one medallion portraits.

Mr Miller & Dr Burnett, examined Hayden's etchings.

Visitors 27 C 1 25cts P. 75cts

**July 27**

Bright & warm. Ther. at 9.a.m. 78.

Note from H.K. Bush Brown stating he had anticipated my suggestions about certain modifications of the Hale bust.

Mr Stipewich showed his list of medallion portraits, & will not finish all until Mr Clarke returns.

Mr Sullivan called & got his pass to Chicago; left his receipt.

A Mr Palmer (Smithsonian Institution) repaired Diana's Deer.

V. 79 C. 4 \$1.00

**295 July 28**

Bright & cool – north-east wind. Ther at 10.a.m. 75°.

Mr Stiepowich went to New York last night, to return on Monday.

Note from T.H. Bartlett, sculptor, Boston, asking for photos. of Barye's bronzes to accompany a life of Dr. Wm. Rimmer. Replied that I can send unmounted copies in the printed list I enclosed.

Dr. Barbarin left on leave at 11 a.m. & tomorrow.

V.. 49 C. 3 75cts P. \$1.25

### July 29

Bright & cool – Ther. at 9 a.m. 73.

Mr Hart's letter on Shippen portrait

Letter from Mr C.H. Hart repeating the correction of Justice Shippen not having been "under the Crown", and presenting to the Gallery a brochure by him of "Turner-Dream Painter. Acknowledged them in a letter.

Mr Hyde sent a note to me stating that "my verbal suggestion to close at 3 o'clock p.m. is not approved".

Also a note to Miss Darrell (janitress) permitting her brother (Janitor to be absent another week, and her brother Brooke to take his place.

V. 147 C. 6 \$1.50 P. 25

### July 30

Bright & pleasantly cool – last night cold. Ther. at 9.a.m. 72°.

Dr Barbarin on duty.

Mr Hyde called & reports Mr Corcoran in his usual health.

V. 38

### July 31.

Bright & warmer. Ther. at 9 a.m. 76° at 4 p.m. 81°.

Letter from the N.Y. firm, **consigners** of Ezekiel's statues writes to Mr Hyde that they have been shipped & may be expected about the middle of August, per ship Clementina bill of lading 10th. of June. Ansd by Mr Hyde.

The mouth is going out finely in point of weather.

Mr Ge Barrie late of the firm of Gebbie & Barrie Phila. called. He carried on the business alone. He will send me a presentation copy of "Art Treasures of America", & will receive from me a testimonial of the value of the book, & any suggestion that occur to me.

V. 107 C. 2 50

**296 Aug 2.**

Somewhat cloudy & sultry. Ther. at 11 a.m. 80°.

Mr Barbarin was here early, but left at 10.30 a.m.

Mr Stiepevich is not back. His foreman says he will be back this week, and that the work will be finished by Sept. 1.

Rec'd letter from Miss Parker. She will be here on Sept. 1st.

Messrs. Libbey & clerk called with bill for lumber for scaffold. Gave him Mr Thomas's address. The latter says he will pay part of it tomorrow.

The first painting of the Main Gallery wall, begun to day.

The papers stated that by the burning of the stable at the W. Sulphur Springs, several horses were burnt. Among them "three owned by Mr Cochran" I fear that Mr Corcoran has lost his five carriage-horses.

V. 35 P. \$1.50

**Aug 3**

Cloudy & sultry – fine rain last night. Ther at 9.a.m. 78°.

Dr. Barbarin on leave.

Mr Rogers, electrician at the Capitol, called from Mr E. Clarke, architect, who has returned, to look at the burner in Maine Gallery. I sent a note to Mr C. by him.

Letter from Mr. Bartlett, order photos. of all Barye's bronzes.

Mr. Clark came at 1 p.m. He agrees with me that the medallion head of Holbein won't answer. He likes the scroll-work, but dislikes the blue tint of the medallions.

V. 101 P. \$4.00

**Aug 4**

Cloudy & rainy & sultry. Thunderstorm & heavy rain last night.

Mr Clark called. He admires the ventilating model. I gave him some photographs.

Dr Barbarin came at 11 a.m.

Consulted Mr Riggs about the Drought in Egypt. I will get Mr Barlow to look at it.

Sent off photos of Barye's Bronzes to Mr Bartlett & wrote him.

Dr Jouy brought down photographs.

V. 36 C. 1 25cts

**297 Aug 5.**

Cloudy & cool. Ther. at 9.a.m. 70° at 4 p.m 73°.

Dr Jouy brought photographs. Certified his bill for \$49 – cts.

The workmen are engaged on the space between the brackets.

V. 116

**Aug 6.**

Cloudy & somewhat warmer. Ther. at 9.a.m. 74°. 4.p.m. 76°.

Dr Jouy presented me with a photograph of "Home" painted by E. F. Andrews.

Mr Hyde sent up copies of letters by the Secy of Treasury to the N.Y. Collector, directing Ezekiel's statues to be admitted free of duty, & of the letter to Mr Hyde to that effect.

Mr Faulkner of Frederich, builder who finished this building after it was delivered to Mr Corcoran, called, and was interested in examining the galleries. He told me the vestibule of the Sculpture Hall, was designed for the office - & hence the large windows on either side - now closed up!

V. 35 C. 1 25cts

**Aug 7**

Bright & pleasant. Beautiful weather. At 9.a.m. Ther 74°.

Bill for \$9.00 from Bouton for vol. 2d/80 of L'Art. Sent to Mr Hyde yesterday recd letter from Mr Geddes, inventor of ventilator, asking if Mr Clark had returned & if any thing had been done about his proposal to supply ventilators. Sent card stating that probably nothing would be done until a month or so.

Sent to Mr Riggs, Barlow's estimate for repairing well "Drouth in Egypt" -- \$300.

V. 130 P. 75cts

**Aug 9.**

Bright & pleasant. Ther. at 9.a.m. 74°.

Dr Barbarin on duty.

Mr Clarke called, & was puzzled to know what Stiepowich is to do with the wide blank space between the cornice & the scroll-work. At his request I have written to Mr S. to be had on Thursday, when his foreman says he has written he will be.

**298 Aug. 10**

Cloudy and sultry. Therr. at 9.m. 76°.

Mr Rice's photos.

Yesterday Mr Rice (photographer) sent up fifty of the small size Greek Slave. They are all beautiful, without a blemish, and not one objectionable. A remarkable contrast every way with the old ones from Jouy.

Mr Barlow sent for & got a photo of "Vestal". Wrote him & enclosed his bill \$9.45/

V. 140

**Aug. 11**

Somewhat cloudy & damp. Ther. 9.a.m 77°. 4 p.m. 79°.

Mr Clark looked in this morning for a few minutes.

Mr Morgan brought an order from Miss Bradley to have her Corday sent to her. He will send for it tomorrow.

V. 157 C. 1 25cts

**Aug. 12**

Bright & pleasant. Ther. at 9.a.m 75°.

Mr Stiepevich returned this morning, & Mr Clark appeared. Mr S. explained the modification of his plan of the scroll-work, & gave a sketch of what he intended to put under it, which were satisfactory. He is sure the work will be finished before Sept. 1st. Mr Clark agreed with the names of artists I selected for the cornice. Mr Stiepevich's men will paint the sash of the skylight.

Mr Morgan sent my order for Miss Bradley's picture delivered.

Letter from Miss L. N. Walker, 404 E. Cary St. Richmond Va. asking for printed list of Photographs. Sent.

V. 193 C. 2 50cts. P. \$1.50

**Aug 13**

Bright & pleasantly cool. Ther at noon 77°.

Mr Stiepevich is certain of finishing his work on Sept. 1st.

Saw Mr Rice yesterday. He is gradually preparing the photos. ordered.

Have the names for the brackets all ready.

Wrote to Mr Corcoran about the Gallery, & proposed sending photos.

V. 45

**299 Aug. 14**

Soft mild day. Ther. at noon 79°.

Mr Stiepevich has received the names of artists' for the panels between the brackets of the cornice. 50 in all from Cimiabue to Fortuny.

Letter from Miss Parker, Charleston S.C. Will be here on Sept 8.

**Aug 16**

Monday Bright & cool. Ther. 2.p.m. 77°.

Mr Rice sent up the following photos. 28. Large Vestal – 50 small do. 21. Large "Slave" – previously 50 small "Slave". Gave setts of them to Messrs. Clarke, Welling, & Matthews.

Messrs. Clarke, Matthews & Welling called. The two latter admired Stiepevich's work very much.

Spoke to Mr Riggs about the repairs to the "Drouth", & he & Messrs, Matthews & Welling agree with him, that there is no authority until the Board meets, to order the repairs. Mr Clarke agrees with me that I can do all that is necessary to the picture.  
V. 55 C. 1 25cts

### **Aug 17**

Mild & at times cloudy. Ther. at 4 p.m. 75°. Afflicted with a bad influenza, or attack of Hay Fever.  
V. 170 C. 7 \$1.75

### **Aug 18**

Mild & cloudy. Ther. 75°. Rain in the afternoon. Catarrh somewhat better. Mr Clark called. He examined the St. Memin portraits with the greatest interest.  
V. 82 C. 1 25cts

### **Aug 19.**

Weather warm & sultry. Weather at 10. ↑a.m↓ 76°. Mr Clark called and obtained an advance of five hundred dollars to Mr Stiepevich. Sent Mr E.H. Miller's address to Mrs Woodward Richmond Va. Mr. Thomas called & will get a man to assist in washing skylights.  
V. 229 C. 3 75cts P. \$2.25

### **300 Aug. 20.**

Sultry & hot. Ther. 82° at 4 p.m. Mr. Stiepevich is painting the wall (2d time) & give it the maroon color it is to have. He tried my copy of the corner group from "Eve of St. John," on the wall, and the effect was conclusively fine.

Mr Rice's photos.

Mr. Rice sent up 18 photos (large) of "Greek Slave", and 15 of the entire subject of "Vestal Tuccia".

Dr Barbarin is to take a leave of some days from now.  
V. 85

**Aug. 21**

Bright & breezy, but the sun is hot, Ther. at 9 a.m. 79°.

Packed up four large photos. of the Corday. Vestal single figure, & of the whole picture, and of "Greek Slave" to be sent by express to Mr Corcoran, at the Springs, through Miss Tunstall to whom I have written.

Mr Clark called & is pleased with color of Gallery wall. Saw the prize to Profr. Baird, won at Berlin. Superb.

V. 125 C 2 50cts.

**Aug. 23**

Monday. Very hot though breezy. Ther. at 4 p.m. 85°.

Note from Mr Beudam art-dealer Balt. asking a "Corday" to be sent. Will remit.

Mr Clark called & brought a portrait of Teniers for the ceiling, and we substituted Albani 1578 for Kneller.

The third coat on the wall Stiepevich thinks sufficient, but I reminded him that the contract requires four. He says the walls must not be touched for five days after finish.

Mr Wylie came & ~~gl~~ cleaned all the sky-lights.

V. 49

**Aug 24**

Bright & very hot. Ther. at 9.a.m. 79°.

Dr. Barbarin came this morning. Left at noon.

Stiepevich is to give the M. Gallery wall another coat.

- 301** Mr Wylie left after cleaning skylights.  
Sent Charlotte Corday photo. to Bendann.  
The wall-painting is now finished.

V. 128 C. \$1.00

**Aug 25**

Bright & very hot. Ther. at 9 a.m. 83°. at 4.p.m. 89°. This is its highest range in this room this season.

Mr Clark called & examined Stiepevich's work & thinks it perfect, but suggested a period to be place at the end of each name. He also ^brought^ a Text Book on H Italian Painting by E.J. Poynter R.A, one of a series which he thinks we ought to have. It is pleasant that he is so favorable to purchasing art-works for this Gallery.

Mr Stiepevich's work completed in 36 days-



Mr Stiepowich returned the list of names of artists & said he had gone over them all & found them correct. His men finished the painting of the sky-light sashes of the color of the surrounding work, which made a vast improvement. This then concluded the entire work, commenced on July 20th. – finished in 36 days – 22 days sooner than he contracted for. At his request I sent note to Thomas Carpenter to take the Scaffold down tomorrow.

Mr F. Mc.Guire called. He had predicted the decoration of the M. Gallery would prove saloony – but after he saw it, he was enthusiastic in its praise, & rushed off to tell Mr Riggs about it, who had opposed the work, & told McGuire to come up & see the saloon. I know it will prove satisfactory to every fair mind.

Mrs. Lycett sent up from her bindery, the following works newly bound, “Illustrated News” 2.vols – 1874 – 1879 – Harper’s Magazine 3 vols. ↑nos↓ 55 – 58, 59 – Appleton’s Journal 3.vols. July & Dec. 77. July, & Dec/79 – Jan & June /79, “Portfolio” 1 vol. V. 45

### 302 Aug. 26

Thunder-storm yesterday afternoon brought a change. To-day is cloudy & cool. Ther at 9.a.m. 73°.

Found that Mr Stiepowich had made a mistake in Kensett’s name which he made Keusett. He came with his men & will alter it.

Thomas carpenter, came & with his men began to remove scaffolding.

Note of invitation from Mrs Morrell artist to attend informal reception at the “National Academy of Fine Arts” ↑her studio↓ this evening at 8 o’clock. Corcoran Building.

Letter from Mr Barrie stating he had sent to me section 111 of “Art Treasures in America” – the advance proofs for my opinion, & asking a written testimonial.

Mr Matthews took some ladies to see the improvements, the Greek slaves & Charlotte Corday.” Mr Hyde also called.

Mr Fletcher repairer of pictures called to report Mr Cranch’s portrait of Henry Clay by C.B. King as nearly finished.

V. 220 C. 2 75cts P. \$1.25

### Aug. 27

Bright & cool, warmer by afternoon. Ther at 3 p.m. 79°.

Mr Clark called & settled with Mr Stiepowich for the balance of the latter’s bill, \$1100 – previous pay \$700 -- \$1800 in full.

Mr Thomas resumed taking down scaffold, but stopped at noon.

Dr Barbarin at his post.

Engaged iron bits for suspending heavy pictures.

Mr Stiepevich says one of his men will clean the woodwork of the gallery for \$2.50. We finding material.

Mr Stiepevich left for New York to-night.

V. 56 C. 1 25cts

### 303 Aug 28

Pleasant day with some breeze.

Mr Bendann remitted 82 cts photo & postage. Turned over 75cts of Cont Fund to the Sales of Photos & entered on my a/c a voucher for that amt for purchase of stamps.

Letter from Miss Welling N.Y. on her way to Coney Island requesting me to send her next week, at Princeton N.J. copies of large photos of "Corday" & "Vestal" for a friend there, & "trust" her until her return here in October.

Mr Clark called. Mrs. Lycett sent up her bill \$15.50.

On leave from 9 ½ ↑a.m↓ for the day, up the river.

Mr Thomas removed the planking to the street.

V. 170 C. 1 25 P. 75cts

### Aug 30

Monday. Hot & sultry like yesterday. Ther. at noon 80°. Yesterday was a stiflingly hot day.

Mr Kahlert one of Stiepevich's workmen (of this city, called about cleaning the woodwork of the Gallery. Was surprised to hear that it was so covered with paint, as to make its cleaning, a very long & costly job. To put it & floor in order, he will charge \$125! whereas if Mr Stiepevich had protected the wood work, it would have cost about. Mr S. has not acted fairly in not guarding against this, & he should have done it at his own expense. Mr Clark will have to settle this.

Sent large Corday & Vestal to Miss Welling, Prince & wrote to her.

Acknowledged Barrie's proofs of Art Treasures & sent Testimonial.

Sent postal to Mr Clark, to call early tomorrow.

Also sent postal to Kahlert to come tomorrow early.

V. 35 C. 1 25cts

### Aug 31

Cloudy & cold rain last night Ther. at 9 a.m. 70°.

Mr Clark called & by his order the woodwork is to be washed & cleaned with turpentine by our fireman Thomas & assisted by laborers, also the floor. Mr Newton offered to wax & dress the woodwork for \$14, & the floor ~~for~~ with oil – for \$28 - --\$42 in all.

V. 130 C. 3 75cts P. \$5.00

### 304 Sept. 1.

Cloudy but not sultry Thera. at 9.a.m 75°. at 2 p.m.

Note from G.. Barrie enclosing note to Mr Stiepevich.

Men at work cleaning the floor & woodwork – long job.

Received photos from Mr Rice 32 small Corday do general view of Vestal.

Arrival of Clementina

Telegram from Krauth, Nachod & Kune, stating that the statues per Clementina had arrived, & wishing to know how to send them. Ansd. by rail as freight.

V. 64

### **Sept. 2**

Bright and pleasantly warm Ther. at 10 a.m. 78.

Began preparing to hang pictures – beginning withy Moses”, which needs varnish. The men finished the washing of the floor of M. Gallery at noon.

Touched with color parts of the sky of Moses. Will not hang pictures before tomorrow.

Meade Collection of pictures

Dr. Hunter tells me that Mr Corcoran will return a week hence Commander Graham U. S. Navy, called to see about selling to the Gallery some of the pictures (old masters) of the “Meade Collection” – brought from Spain by his grandfather.

Mr. F. McGuire called & asked to have his father’s quota of the new photos. sent to him. Sent.

V. 275 C 4 \$1.00 P. 75cts

### **Sept. 3d.**

Letter from Krauth, Nachod & Kuhre stating the statues were shipped by rail yesterday, & enclosing bill \$258. Sent to Mr Hyde.

Began hanging pictures- Put up Caesar, Moses, Jackson Guizot & Mr Corcoran, a heavy day’s work. I varnished Moses, & Jackson. The effect of the wall color on them is marvelous. Caesar looks like a new picture.

Ther. at 4. p.m. 86°.

V. ~~275~~ 48 C. 2 50cts

### **Sept. 4th.**

Another hot day – Ther. at 4.p.m 87°. highest of all in his room.

Continued hanging pictures. The heaviest part through.

V. 118 C. 25cts

**305 Sept. 6**

Monday. Hot, but not so much so as yesterday. Ther. at 4 p.m 83°.

The hanging of the pictures going on successfully, though the heat of the gallery is very oppressive.

Major Williams U.S.N. sent Andrews' painting of Mr W.' family, which he wants exhibited. He says Andrews will be back in October.

Two of our workmen left at noon.

V. 32 A Mr Ruppert brought a capital carving in a group of a Crocodile & Jaguar. Will bring it when Mr Corcoran.

**Sept. 7**

Cool and cloudy after last night's rain, Ther at 9 a.m. 76° - at 4.p.m 75°.

The hanging going on yet, & is more pleasant owing to change of weather. Made several transpositions of pictures.

V. 212

**Sept. 8**

Very cool & a little showery – winter clothing. Ther at 2.p.m 72°.

Finished hanging pictures 1 ½ p.m. The "Drought in Egypt" is hung ↑on↓ west wall of S. West Room, & looks very well. I have removed to the west side gallery "Girl with pets" "Dog's Head" & pair of Interiors."

The Main Gallery is greatly improved. I removed from near Mr Corcoran the weak "High Bank of Gennessee" by Kensett & substituted the rich "Sunset" by Breton, & changed places ~~with~~ of the Cat & flowers" & "Tornado".

Left the Gallery at 2 p.m.

E. C. Bruce owner of the old Washington Portrait by Polk called. He is totally deaf. Will leave it until Congress meets.

Mr Hyde sent up his card admitting to the Picture Gallery two ladies. Mr Taylor ceased his work.

V. 100

**Sept. 9**

Cold northwest rain & wind Ther at 9a.m. 69°. 4 p.m.

Hung in the west gallery, the pictures taken from Main Gallery.

Washed the Main Gallery with lye. Mr Hyde having sent up a card admitting two persons, said he would card no more until the work is over. Would not have sent them, had he known.

**306** No word yet of the arrival of the statuary which was shipped by rail a week ago from N.Y. Notified Knox to look out for them.

Hung Maj. Williams family picture by Andrews in the east Gallery.

Leak discovered in the S. West Gallery. Heavy rains to-day.

V 170 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$2.50

### Sept. 10

Bright with cool northwester. Ther. at 12 m. 76°.

Sent for Mr Newton to oil the floors. Will come at noon.

Great pressure from persons to see the picture-gallery, but all are refused until the floors are ready.

Mr Newton's men are cleaning the wainscot.

Mr Rice sent up 35 large Cordays – all good & excepted.

Mr Hyde called and authorized the oiling of all the floors of the upper galleries, and dressing of the wood work. He regrets that the gas-jets were not repaired before the scaffold was removed. He wishes a meeting of the Building Committee. I carded Mr Clark to attend here early tomorrow if in town.

Miss Jones (Mr Corcoran's niece) called. She admires the gallery's improvements, but thinks the wall is too light.

All the upper gallery doors removed – a great improvement.

V. 49 C 1 25cts

### Sept. 11

Bright & cool. Ther at 9 a.m. 65°.

Mr Newton (painter) has his men at work oiling the upper gallery floors.

Card from Dr Reuhling Balt. for Mr Healy's address-Replied I didn't know.

Wrote to Mr Bartlett, sculptor Boston, Mass about the unpaid photos sent to him Aug. 4 – which he has not acknowledged.

No appearance of that Statuary at the Depot. Mr Hyde wrote to N. York about them yesterday.

V. 290 C. 2 50cts

### Sept. 13

Monday, warmer with indications of rain. Ther at 4 p.m. 74°.

Rice's bill for photos

Took Rice's bill for photos. to Mr Hyde & explained it \$200 including negatives \$60.

Examined small photos from Dr Jouy, & accepted them.

**307** Mr Hyde has received no further word about the statues.

Mr Corcoran's return

Mr Corcoran arrived on Saturday, & visited the Gallery on Sunday (yesterday). He came here at noon to-day with his grandsons, & appeared very well in looks & spirits. He thinks the color of the Main Gallery wall too light, but that I think is owing to the absence of the skylight screens, removed several weeks sooner than usual. He referred feelingly to the absence of the late Dr Hall. He admired my copy of "the St John's Eve" group very much. He & Mr Hyde think the Picture Galleries should not be opened until Wednesday or Thursday, to give the oil on the floors ^a chance^ to dry in well.

Dr Barbarin left at noon, on leave for a few days.

Mr Dougal called, also Dr Tyler, who wanted to get hints of Dr Hall's work in this gallery, to use in a memoir for the Medical Association. I shewed him my published testimonial, which he liked & will call again to use it.

Professor Fristoer & Miss Parker called. She will commence drawing from casts tomorrow.

The pressure to see the Picture Gallery is very, great, but it will not be open until the oiled floor is dry.

Mr Newton sent a man who colored the base of the "Slave" pedestal.

V. 88

#### **Sept. 14.**

Bright with a cool n.west wind Ther. at 9 a.m 72°.

The office is so cold that I g went home & put on heavier clothes.

My Hyde has not rec'd further news of the statues.

Miss Parker began drawing from casts/

Mr Blackwood architect called to learn something about N.Y. art school.

Mr Corcoran called & at his request I had his crayon-portrait by Ulke boxed, & sent by Balt & Ohio Rl Rd express to Miss Randolph Patapsco Institute Md. Mr C. went round the gallery with me & expressed his gratification with it. He thought the wall was not too light.

Wrote to Mr Walters about the photos sent to him, & the Gallery improvements.

V. 180 C. 2 50cts

#### **308 Sept. 15**

Bright & pleasantly cool. Ther. at 4 p.m. 68°.

Card from Mr Rhees of Smithsonian Institution stating that the "Report" sent to me was for myself, & that if the gallery had not received a copy, would send one. Answered, none had been received here.

Ordered Mr Newton to dress the six doors of the smaller picture galleries & Octagon Room, at one dollar ^each^ : authorized by Mr Hyde.

Reporter from "Post" came with a card from Mr Hyde, admitting him to the Main Gallery. He was requested to state the ^picture^ gallery will ^not^ be open until Monday. Wrote off my notice of the improvements for the "Star" & will show ~~th~~ it to Mr Corcoran tomorrow.

V. 60 C. 1 25cts P. \$2.25

### Sept. 16

Somewhat cloudy, but warm. Ther. at noon 68°.

Read my notice of improvements to Mr Corcoran & took it to the "Star" office. The "Post" reporter's notice of them this morning is a feeble, short incorrect affair.

Dr Toner called & was admitted to the gallery (Main) & I also ~~two~~ admitted two gentlemen from Edinburgh, Scotland, who were delighted with it.

Dr Barbarin on duty to-day.

Mr. ~~Coleman~~ Corcoran called; also Messrs Hyde & Clark.

A meeting of the Building Committee is to be called. Mr Clark advises the floor to be simply covered with plain linseed oil, and there briskly rubbed with a cloth. Thomas & a laborer is to do the work.

V. 350 C. 1 25cts P. 75cts

### Sept. 17

Bright & very warm. Ther at noon, 76°.

Mr Hyde has a letter stating that the statues were shipped on the 15th!

The lower gallery floors will not be oiled until the Buildg. Com. orders it.

- 309** Rec'd from the "Star" six copies of my notice of the improvements in last night's paper, and sent them to various persons.

V. 60 C. 1 25cts P. \$3.00

### Sept. 18

Bright & very mild. Ther. at noon 71°. at 4 p.m. 80°.

Changed position of Washington portrait. Mr. Martin is cleaning the marble statuary up stairs & Mr Taylor has covered the lower frame of the Octagon window with maroon merino I bought to-day.

Main stairway is washed thoroughly.

Letter from Miss Tunstall Lynchburg. She has the Corday and Vestal I sent to Mr Corcoran.

Wrote to Stiepevich & sent printed notice of his work.

Sent advertisement of re-opening to "Star" "Post" & Republican.

Meeting of Building Committee at noon.

It was ordered that \$100 per annum be added to the Janitor's salary to enable him to hire extra force to keep the gallery in order.

The curator was authorized to have the lower gallery-floors oiled in the way suggested by Mr Clark, & to have large wooden spittoons in place of the present ones.

Spoke of the necessity of having some rules signed by the Building Committee, & issued in my name, & it was agreed to. I have drawn up such for their revision.

V. 134 Sent Miss Dennison's "Cenci" to "Louise Home".

### Sept. 20

Monday. Bright & hot. Ther. at noon 77°.

Letter from Thomas Toon, 12 Lafayette Place, N.Y. offers for sale an antique bronze statue of Peace – now in bond N.Y. once a part of the Zeloni Gallery – originally from Pompeii. Acknowledged.

Re-opening of the Picture Galleries

The Picture-Galleries re-opened to-day but being pay-day attendance limited.

Put notice in Ladies Room forbidding ladies to lunch there.

Gave notice to copyists to keep their pictures two feet

310 from the wall, & forbidding them laying anything upon the wainscot- also to keep their wash-rooms in order.

Sent postal card to Smilie that the \$5.00 is ready for him, to pay his bill for negative.

Hung prints of "Shakespeare" & "Water-party" in the Ladies Room.

Mr Corcoran called, & I introduced him to Miss Parker.

Hung Guillaume's picture – Arabian subject, in S.E> Gallery.

Mr Clark called for a few minutes.

V. 53 x 5 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$3.75

### Sept. 21

Bright & much cooler Ther. at noon 74°.

The statues are at the depot & will be brought her tomorrow.

Letter from Mr Walters acknowledging photos. & stating he would drop in soon at this Gallery & that he had made several additions to his collection.

Mr Corcoran called & met Judge French. The latter mentioned Porter's portrait of Miss Howe, & looked over St Memin Portraits.

Miss Eustis called to see about a friend putting water-color sketches here on exhibition. She inquired about Mrs. Capt. Darling's disposition to sell the Merceder. I will write to the latter.

Great crowd on this fine day to see the Picture Galleries, among them a Penna. excursion-party.

Dr Colburn gave me address of place Crawford's "Peri" is in N.Y.

Many dislike the new wall color, but most approve it.



Dr Barbarin left at 1 ¼ p. m.

Wrote to Miss Tunstall & will send photos. to morrow.

Mr W.L. Woods & party called to get privilege of copying for Mrs Taylor will make boxes for spittoons of Walnut for \$1.50.

V. 600 C. 16 \$4.00 P \$1.50

Mr Corcoran paid \$3.00 for box for his portrait & one for freight.

### Sept. 22

Wednesday. Cool and pleasant. Ther. at 3 p.m. 71°.

The statues will be brought up tomorrow. Mr Bradley will be here.

Dr & Miss Welling called. Both like the improvements.

Dr. ~~Blake~~ Jouy brought ~~proofs~~ photos. Ordered others from him.

Dr Blake & Mr Clark called.

V. 52 \$13.00 C. 5 \$1.25 P.

### 311 Sept. 23

Cloudy & cool. Ther at 9.a.m 66°.

Mr Hyde's letter about employee's duties

Mr Hyde sent up a communication addressed to me in reference to what I said to the Building Committee about the neglect of the gallery – keepers &c. It states as the unanimous order of said Committee to be that all employees be here between 9 a.m. & 4 p.m. & insisting upon constantly vigilance in watching the works of the gallery. Read the letter to the employees.

Mr Morgan left a card from a Mr E. W. Parkhurst in reference to the purchase of a Charlotte Corday photo. Wrote to Mr Morgan returning the card, to state to Mr P the 3 sizes of Corday, 7 x 9 in .50cts 12 x 16 in ↑75cts↓ 18 x 22 \$2.25.

Mrs Mechlin sent up a picture for admission portrait of Mrs. Bodisco.

Mr Corcoran brought a large party of ladies & gentlemen to the Gallery. Col & Mrs.

^Thomas^ Scott & her mother &c.

Wrote to Mr Walters, Baltimore.

V. 366 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$1.50

### Sept. 24

Mild & cloudy. Ther. here at 2 p.m. 71°.

Mr Bradley & men preparing to set up statues outside. Mr Knox is to bring them up to-day.

Mr Andrews' letter from Paris.

Letter to me from E. F. Andrews, Paris 10./80. He had <sup>^been^</sup> touring around in Europe, had not met Knaus, but had seen all pictures for sale & mentions Goupil as photographing two very fine ones – out of six. He charges 5000 francs each. Will give details when he has the photos. Will sail on the 19thh October & expect to be here Nov. 1st.

Mr Corcoran Mrs Pegram & Miss Welling

Mr Corcoran, Miss Welling, & Mrs Martin (late Mrs. Pegram) called. The latter looks beautiful yet. Admired every thing but the color of the walls, which many object to as too light. At Miss Welling's request Mr C. assented to returning Proserpine & to the Octagon Room where I first placed them & whence I took them by order of Mr Corcoran!

Arrival of the statues

At 3 ½ p.m. the statues arrived, but the work of elevation was put off until tomorrow.  
V. 81 C. 5 \$1.25 P.

### 312 Sept. 25

Bright & warm. Ther at 10 a.m. 70° in office.  
Letter from Mr Stiepevich N.Y. acknowledging my letter.

Statues

Found this morning that the statue of A. Durer, & perhaps Angelo also, are too deep, necessitating the cutting away of some marble. The Angelo seems to be (on the ground) a good figure, & the face full of character & thought. The work of cutting has proved so long, as to leave no time to elevate the statues.

Mr Matthews & Mr Hyde called.

Mr Clark called, & introduced Hon Mr Fowler late senator from Tenn.

V. 435 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$1.50

### Sept. 27

Monday. Cloudy threatening rain but warm. Ther. at 3 p.m. 75°.

Am much relieved of suffering from boils for a week past, & can sit & work at my desk. The statue of A. Durer was successfully raised to its niche at 2 p.m. after tedious delays. Mr Bradley will prepare to raise Angelo tomorrow.

Mr Corcoran called & was pleased to see the statue up. I read to him my notice of them for the "Star". He is inclined to give the order for statues in all the other niches to Ezekiel, to which I heartily assented as a favor well-earned. I will write to E. tomorrow to let him know how his work is liked & but not to hint at the < . . > future commissions.

Mr Clark, Mr Thos. Bradley, & Mr McCoy called. The latter invited me to go & see his pictures at he Athenaeum Club.

Thomas has oiled the main sculpture hall – the side & bronze gallery floors were oiled last week.

Letter from the Heliotype Pointing Co. Boston urging the Gallery to supply them with negatives of our works, for experiment.

V. 39 + 15 \$9.75 C. 4 \$1.00 P. 75cts.

### Sept. 28

Cloudy with rain in the morning – afternoon clear & windy.

Statue of M. Angelo elevated

Mr Bradley raised the M. Angelo statue to its niche without accident. He is to move the Powers' busts

313 to the Octagon Room for \$5.00.

Miss Eustis & left note from Miss Passmore about exhibiting her water colors & drawings. She addressed the note to the Trustees of the McCloud gallery”!

Letter from J.M. Vallerio, “Eco d’Italia N.Y. offering bust of Andrew Jackson by Hiram Powers for \$1,000. It was in the Phila. Centennial Exhibition. Wrote for authenticity of the bust.

Letter from H.K. ^Bush^ Brown stating that the Dr Hall bust will be soon here & requesting that it be placed so as to receive the light from the left.

Mr Corcoran & Mr Clark called. The latter likes the new position of the Powers busts.

A Mrs Weeks called to see about selling 3 family portraits.

Mr Clark authorizes putting names of the artists on pedestals in the niches.

V. 339 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$1.75

### Sept. 29

Bright & cool.

Mr Taylor covered window of Octagon Room with dark cambrio.

Oiling of floors finished.

Mr Bradley is to cut names on pedestals of outside statues & black them.

Mr Corcoran came at 1.30 p.m. He spoke of the plan of offering prizes for pictures to Americana artists, \$3,000. 2,000 & \$1,000.

Genl. Rummells called about offering to sell Mt Hood.

Preparing to leave for the north, & drew my pay.

V. 53 + 5 C. 4 \$1.00

### Sept. 30

Bright windy & cool. Ther. at noon 65°.

Prepared Contingent account & left it with Dr Barbarin.

Rec'd from Mrs. Colegate photo of Dr Hall from Brady's photo, 1859.

Sent printed notice of Ezekiel's statues to Miss Tunstall.

Will start for the north tomorrow.

Mr Clark called & authorized further cleaning of woodwork in the vestibule & office.

V. 360 C. 15 \$3.95 P. \$3.00

### 314 Octr. 1

Bright & cold. Ther. at 9.a.m. 60°.

A nephew's dangerous illness will detain me here indefinitely.

Bradley began lettering pedestals outside. F. Cassidy engaged in oiling wood-work of this office.

Mr Bagger called & said he would send for his "Modesty" next week.

V. 54 x 17 \$13.50 C. 12 \$3.00 P. 75cts

### Octr. 2

Bright & pleasant.

Detained from illness of a nephew from leaving for the north ~~to~~ yester-day.

Letter from Bartlett sculptor, enclosing \$4.50 for photos.

Letter from Mr Vallosio giving an account of the "Jackson" bust. Acknowledged it.

Bradley present his bill for elevating statues & moving busts, \$55.00. He finished the lettering of pedestals.

V. 3.75 C. \$4.00 P. \$8.50

### Octr. 4

Monday. Left for the north last night.

Mr Taylor placed partitions in lower part of large book-case.

Mr Clark called.

V. 34 x 4 \$8.50 C. 7 \$1.75

### Octr. 5

Rainy morning. Circular rec'd from Board of Education.

Mr Corcoran called.

Mrs Mary Colgrove is to draw from casts, & copy in the gallery.

V. 290 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$6.75

### Octr. 6

Clear & pleasant. Mr Corcoran called.

V. 65 x 8 \$16.25 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$6.75

**Octr. 7**

Clear & fine. Letter from Mrs Edmonson with 2 oil paintings for sale.  
V. 445 C. 21 \$5.25

**315 Octr 8.**

Clear & cool. The building so cold, that fire was made.  
Letter from Vallosio about the Jackson bust by Powers.  
Letter from Mrs. Fillmore who requests some pictures by Rockwell to be inspected &  
exhibited.  
V. 62 x 10 \$15.50 C 8 \$2.00 P. 75

**Octr 9**

Clear & pleasant. Letter from the Curator.  
Letter from Fairman, artist, offering to sell Roujet's portrait of Napoleon I.  
Mrs Weeks wishes to sell old pictures – usual reply given.  
Mr Bagger removed his statue of "Modesty".  
Mr Corcoran called.  
V. 455 C. 20 \$5.00 P. 75cts

**Octr 11**

Monday. Rec'd a box containing water-color pictures by Miss D. G. Passmore. Placed  
in this office, & notified Miss Eustis.  
Mr Corcoran & Mr F.B. McGuire called.  
Meeting of the Board at night.  
V. 26 x 10 \$6.50 C. 4 \$1.00 P. 2.50

**Octr 12**

Clear & fine.  
The Board met last night. Messrs Riggs, Matthews, Welling & Clarke present. Mr  
Corcoran also attended.  
Mr Clarke reported the work done in the main gallery, adopted. The following works of  
art were declined. The bust of Jackson by Powers, Rouzet's portrait of Napoleon I. Mrs  
Edmonson's two pictures- Mr Rupprecht's wood-carving.  
J.H. Rogers (electrician) estimate for putting our apparatus in order referred to the  
Building Committee: as also was James W. Gedeles estimate for ventilating the roof.  
The Art Committee authorized to arrange with Mr Ezekiel for seven statues for the other  
niches on the 17th St. front, at \$600. each. Resolutions were passed for the recovery of

certain houses in La. Av. owned by the gallery : The Curator's account was referred to Com. on accounts, & \$100, appropriated for Contingent Fund.

- 316** Mr Rupprecht called & took away his wood-carving.  
Mrs Edmonson written to that her pictures were declined.  
Dr Jouy delivered a few photographs.  
By sanction of Mr Clark, Mr Metzerott sent a picture for exhibition a painting by Ford Bellerman 1880 – “Entrance to Gwargana Cave, Venezuela, Hyde, Clarke & Matthews called.  
V. 415 C. 15 \$3.75 P. \$4.50

### **Oct. 13**

Clear & cool. Mr Metzerott called. Will send descriptive card for his picture.  
Dr Robinson called. By consent of Mr Corcoran will send two landscapes for exhibition.  
Mr Rice sent two copies of the Vestal (single figure) without title, one of which was sent to the gentleman who paid for it.  
Mr Corcoran directed the landscape & water-colors to be taken into the Gallery. Price of Miss Passmore's pictures \$50. each.  
V. 61 x 10 \$15.25 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$2.00

### **Oct. 14**

Clear & fine. Miss Le Conte wishes to send two pictures to the building for exhibition.  
Mr King wishes to get number of visitors daily for publication declined.  
V. 500 C. 22 \$5.50 P. 75cts.

### **Oct. 15**

Clear & pleasant. Mr Martin is allowed to attend the Gallery at 9.30 a.m. for ^enabling him^ attendance on medical examinations.  
Miss Eustis left address of Miss Passmore – 1820 K. St.  
Mr Pratt will remove Mrs Greator's pictures when requested.  
Mr Marshall, clerk of Supreme Court U.S. called & states he has evidence that Stone's bust of Taney in the Bronze Room, is the property of that Court. Referred him to Mr Clark, who deposited it here.  
Dr. W. D. Warner says he has an uncle in Germany (Cologne) who has originals of many of the reproductions in the Bronze Hall, which he would like to sell. Will write.

- 317** Dr Robinson sent up his two landscapes.  
V. 90 x 8 \$22.50 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$3.00

### **Oct 16**

Cloudy & mild. Letter from Mr Andrews to Mr MacLeod with photos of two pictures by Chialwa, which he recommends as suitable for this gallery. Price 4500 frs. each.

Card from Mr Toon, asking what was the decision of the Board on his Bronze Statue.

Mrs Edmonson sent for her pictures.

Mr Clark directed a course of stone on north side of building to be cleaned with ~~oil~~ water & sand, & then oiled with new linseed oil. Thomas & his brother did the work.

Messrs. Corcoran & McGuire called. The latter admires the work in the ^Main^ Gallery very much.

V. 460 C. 15 \$3.75 P. 75cts

## Oct 18

Clear & cool. Miss Le Conte brought her 2 pictures, a portrait of a lady, & a Trout Brook in the White Mts F. Cassidy oiled the course of stone on the north side of the building.

My Return to the Gallery & sketch of my trip north

I returned to my desk at 1 p.m. after 13 days' absence. The minutes above during my absence, are furnished by the Asst. Curator.

Every thing about the Gallery is in fine, clean condition and feel prouder than ever over the style of simple grandeur, & fine arrangement of the galleries, and though many more things than they contain are to be found in the Phila. Academy & Boston Museums of Art & N. York Museum, as a whole the "Corcoran" tops them all! I stopped in Phila, New York, Boston & Providence. Saw the life-class at work in the former & saw the pictures left by the late S.R. Gifford in the N.Y. Museum, where I met Gen. Cesnola, looking very ill. The large view of the Parthenon by Gifford is very fine, but lacks stronger color.

318 It would also be a good thing for our Gallery. I met several M. York artists who were disposed to send pictures here for exhibition.

Boston Museum

The Boston Museum has extended its collection amazingly. Its casts are numerous, but as a general thing ill-arranged, & dirty. The walls around them are white or light maroon.

Casts Hermes &c

I saw one great thing among them the Hermes, that is the cast discovered lately by the Germans. A great work – the head has more expression than I ever saw on an antique. I got the price of this from the Asst. Curator, & the address of the owner of the matrix in Berlin. I saw too the Flying Mercury, and Donatello's David & Goliah, which were ordered for us & then countermanded & which we need so in the Renaissance Room.

Gilbert Stuart's portraits

A great treat in the picture gallery were the 101 portraits by Gilbert Stuart. In Providence I saw a very fine work on ivory by Malbone – The Past, Present & Future – exquisite in design & color, - also a miniature painted when he was only 16 years old.

Bridgman's pictures

I found at Williams & Everett's Bridgman's great "Funeral of a Mummy", "Pastime of a King" & The Procession of the Sacred bull Apis." The first two were to be sent to the Phila. Acady exhibition, but the latter I got Mr W. to sent to Washington – our Gallery, on condition that we pay the freight. It is a magnificent work. I am also to send to them & to Knaedler & Co ^N.Y.^ copies of our four large photos. I saw many superb pictures at these firms & also at Schaus's N.Y. by Meissonier, Bougereau, Gerome ("Sword Dance") &c. Indeed I had a chance to get a thorough view of the condition & the new importations from Europe, which I know of great profit to me.

Rec'd a letter from Mr Andrews, Paris, with two photos of landscapes & figures, which he saw at Goupil. They are indeed beautiful & well suited for the "Corcoran". Mr. C. came in & admired them & said as Mr A. will be here soon, the proposal to buy them, will be considered.

- 319** Spoke to Mr Corcoran about Bridgman's picture of "The Procession of the Sacred bull Apis," & he authorized me to order the work here, we paying freight both ways – also to send our large photos. to leading dealers. Wrote to Williams & Everett.  
V. 69 x 6 \$17.25 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$7.25

### Oct. 19

Bright and pleasant.

Mr Clarke called & left further directions about oiling the stonework of the building & cementing its blocks, & to get Mr Corcoran to look at it.

Dr Lansdale called. Will send ^up^ a drawing by his son, my pupil.

Mr Garl Brown artist sent a note with a portrait of Bishop Atkinson of N. Ca. for Mr Corcoran to look at, at the latter's request.

Brought up my Journal & wrote to Messrs. Vallosio & Fairman that the Board declined buying & receiving their works.

Miss Welling called & we had a long talk.

V. C. P.

### Oct. 20

Bright and mild.

Sent to Rice for photos. of entire picture of the "Vestal".

Miss Warfield applied to copy pictures. Gave the rules.



Messrs Geddes & Vaile called on their way to Mr Hyde about ventilating & lighting Main Gallery.

Mr Corcoran called with Mr Campbell S. Ca. who took interest in examining the St. Memin portraits.

Mr Clarke brought nos. of London Architect with illustration of pictorial art. He agrees with me about the desirableness of the casts I want for the Gallery, & urges me to speak to Mr Corcoran.

V. 78 x 5 \$19.50 C. 12 \$3.00 P. 75cts

### Oct. 21

Hazy & raw afterwards bright & mild.

Mr Hedgman not on duty.

Mr F. B. McGuire called. He reports ^H.K.^ Brown as in low state of health. He wishes me to call & see wood-carv

320 of mediaeval date at his house.

Mr Corcoran called & I spoke to him about the casts of Hermes, & of "Flying Mercury," & he promptly approved the idea, & said the Board ought to ~~have~~ order them at their next meeting. I mentioned Mr Clark's wish that he should see the oiled stonework, but he went away without looking at it.

Miss Parker finished her picture of "Vase & Flowers". A good piece of work.

Mr Garl Browne sent for Bishop Atkinson's portrait, & got it.

Dr. Barbarin went home ill, at noon.

V. 445 C. 32 \$8.00 P. \$2.25

### Oct. 22

Rainy & mild.

Dr Barbarin & Mr Hedgman absent.

Mr Reynolds got a new copyists card.

Hung in S.E. corner gallery. Dr Robinson's pictures & Miss Le Coutis.

Portrait of Robt Lawrence

Mr Cassidy came in, & said he would look at the oiled stonework with Mr ~~Corcoran~~ Clarke. He told me that the portrait of Mr Robt. Lawrence was given to him by Mr A. Rhind, to whom he sent \$50. A few nights ago some Negro-thieves got over the wall & stole some fine iron fencing worth \$250, and after breaking it up into fragments, sold it for old iron to a junk-shop!

V. 29 \$7.25 C. 5 \$1.20 P. 75cts.

### Oct. 23

Bright, cool & very windy.

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Letter from Mr Jervis Mc. Entee artist Rondout N.Y. in reference to our conversation in New York upon my proposing that the artists there should send their pictures on exhibition there in this Gallery. He has just received from the Royal Academy London, one of his pictures called "Clouds" 3 ft x 4 ft, ~~painter~~ sent there under the advice of his friend the late S.R. Gifford, artist, and which he would be willing to send here for a while, if I can guarantee it a good light. It was exhibited in the Academy's Exhibition N.Y. in 1879. Wrote to him to send it.

Note ~~Postal~~ from Chas. A. Meeker, Newark, N.J. enclosing a postal to tell him the colors of the garments in the "Vestal" replica, which he terms our picture. Sent him a sketch (written) of the colors, & told him the work is original.

Note from the Asst. Curator stating he is too unwell to be here today.

Mr Hedgman is on duty.

Dr Hall's bronze bust arrives

At 1 p.m. Dr Hall's bronze bust (life-size) arrived from Mr Browne, Neuburgh N.Y. It does not seem to me as good as the small one. Miss Jones agrees with me.

Mr Worthington called.

Paid Frank B. Cassidy \$9.00 for cleaning gallery woo-work for one week.

V. 400 C. 15 \$3.75 P 75cts

### Oct. 25

Monday clear & cold.

Letter from Williams & Everett stating that he had sent on the 23d. Bridgman's picture of the "Sacred Bull of Apis", but suggesting that it be not exhibited until the new frame he proposes to put it in has arrived, after purchase.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Robinson called. He does not like the bust of Dr Hall – the nose, eyes & color.

Mr & Mrs F.B. McGuire called & took away the small bust of Dr Hall.

He is disappointed with the bust.

Read Mr McEntee's letter to Mr Corcoran.

Had to leave the gallery at 3 p.m. from pain caused by a carbuncle, as it afterwards proved.

V. 48 \$11.00 C. 5 \$1.25

### Oct. 26

Clear & fine. Mr Clarke sent cement for crevices in the front steps of the building, & coping near the pavement.

Bust of Chief Justice Taney sent away on order of Mr Clarke. It belongs to the U. S. Supreme Court.

**322** Mr Corcoran brought the last nos. of Italy, & ordered them to be bound by Appleton & Co for \$8.00.

Barlow sent for one photo of Lost Dogs.

Privilege of copying given to Miss Otis (in the cast Room) & Mrs Conant in the Gallery.

I was confined to my bed all day by severe suffering from carbuncle.

V. 265 C. 16 \$4.00

### **Oct 27**

Clear & fine. F. Cassidy cementing crevices.

Messrs. Corcoran & F. B. McGuire called.

Mr Rice sent 35 photos. of entire subject of the Vestal.

Still confined to my bed.

V. 84 + 12 \$21.00 C. 7 \$1.25

### **Oct 28**

Cold north-east rain.

Mr Clarke met Messrs Geddes & Vaile & gave them the order for ventilating the roof.

Mr Rider (book-agent) took away "Italy" to be bound.

Out of bed to-day, & am able to sit comfortably. General health excellent. Expect to be out tomorrow.

V. 200 C. 14 \$4.75 P. \$1.70

### **Oct 29**

Raw and cloudy.

At the Gallery again & though the carbuncle is not entirely cured, I am comfortable when sitting.

Letter from Ezekiel

A private letter from Mr Ezekiel, acknowledging my letter of Sept. thanking me for kind interest in his success, & criticisms. He hopes to get an order for the others, but thinks the price too low, & wonders if Mr C. & the Board will allow more. He hopes to have his Homer ready for the New York exposition in /83, & asks if Mr Corcoran would sit for his likeness. He wishes to have a photo of the front of the Building.

Mr Rogers is ordered by the Building Committee to repair the M. Gallery lights, & came & made arrangements to use our scaffold with an additional one for that purpose.

Arrival of Bridgman's "Procession of the Sacred Bull, Apis"

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from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission

At noon the picture of the "Procession of the Sacred Bull Apis" by Bridgman, arrived.  
Paid freight \$4.85.

~~Mr~~

Mr Clarke called & by his advice placed Dr Hall's bust on the Crittenden pedestal, & placed the latter on window-sill.

Wrote again, or sent returned letter to J.M. Vallosio.

Sent four large photos. to Mrs Shedd & Master W.C. Eustis at the University of Va. to Messrs Knaedler & Co N.Y. & to Williams & Everett Boston – to the last two bills for them \$8.00 each. Wrote to them.

Wrote to Dr Welling & Mr Riggs that Dr Hall's bust is here, & awaits action of the Art Committee.

V. 65 + 2 \$16.25 C. 5 \$1.25 P \$2.25

### Oct 30

Constant rain, mild & gloomy.

Scaffold erected in Main Gallery. Mr Rogers at work on the gas-burners.

Mr Clarke called with Mr Olmstead landscape-gardener of the Capital grounds. They both admired the "Bridgman" & thought the Gallery should buy it, & the price was moderate.

Mr Galt sent up for a few day's exhibition Mrs. Fassett's crayon (life size) copy of Brady's photograph of Dr. Hall.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Eustis called, & the latter was delighted with the picture of the "Sacred Bull", & Mr Corcoran intimated his intention that the Gallery shall buy it.

Dr & Mrs Knidelberger called, & were delighted with the "Bridgman", hoping it will be bought.

V. 140 C 7 \$1.75 P \$2.25

### 324 Nov. 1

Clear and pleasantly cool.

Purchase of Bridgman's picture

Mr Corcoran, Dr & Miss Welling, & Mr F.B. McGuire called and all were enthusiastic over Bridgman's picture. Miss Welling said they were all much indebted to me for its being here, and Mr Corcoran told me that it was accepted by the Gallery, though the purchase would be completed by the action of the Art Committee or the Board. By this order, I wrote to Williams & Everett stating the picture's acceptance for \$3,000 & a new frame.

This rapid purchase & popularity of the picture gratifies me very much, & it shows what can be done in securing good pictures at moderate prices, by some one going in search of them.

Read Ezekiel's letter to Mr Corcoran, & will write to him.

Mrs Colegate, Dr Hall's sister called, & was pained & disgusted with the bronze bust of the latter.

V. 35 \$8.75 C 4 \$1.00 P. 75cts

## **Nov. 2**

Bright and mild.

Sent notices of our new purchases to the Art Journal.

Mr Clark called & congratulated Mr Corcoran on the purchase of the "Bridgman". He ordered also that a house-painter be engaged to oil the lower stone course of the building with F. Cassidy. To buy the oil.

Admiral Poor & his sister Mrs. Webb called & admired the picture. Mr Corcoran intends to see Mr Walters in Baltimore & make an offer for his "De Neuville". Hope he may get it.

Mr Riggs called. Thinks the "Dancing Girl" in the Bridgman badly drawn in its pose, & the men bearing the ark & the priest, very weak.

Mr Matthews likes the picture, & authorizes estimates for new-covering the sofa & chairs in Ladies Room.

Letter from F.L. Dellenbaugh, N.Y. wishing to exhibit picture of Grand Canon of Colorado." Sent him Regulations. Wrote to R. Moran for his opinion of it.

V. 305 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$2.25

## **325 Nov. 3**

Bright & mild.

Mr Rice brought up photos. filling up his order, & the bill \$193.75. Took it to him for explanation. He thinks he can photograph the "Bridgman" well. Examined photos. & reject 8 small vestals, which are to be replaced. Sent them to Rice.

Mr Sullivan is engaged with Cassidy in oiling the stonework outside.

Mr McKenney proposes to recover furniture in Ladies Room for \$104.50. Mr Williams will submit estimates tomorrow.

Mr J.C. McGuire called & express his delight with the "Bridgman".

Mr Clark called & gave further directions about oiling stonework.

Mrs Clark & daughters, Mrs Morrell called & admired the Bridgman.

Mr Rice can photograph "Bridgman" in the Gallery.

V. 39 + 3 \$9.75 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$6.00

## **Nov. 4**

Mild & rainy.

Men removing earth from the base of the 17th. side of the building to oil it, and to our surprise the surface of the stone is uninjured, showing the damage of atmospheric influence. It is to be covered with slate after being oiled, & the earth replaced over it. The price of the stone placed in raw oil yesterday, shows how the oil has been absorbed into the part above it, like a sponge.

Mr Kauffman called & examined the Bridgman" & recognized the locale, as of a temple he had seen at Edfu, Egypt. Described the shrine behind the yellow-curtain, as of y red granite. He has photographs of Egyptian scenes, he invites me to see.

Mr Brady called to show a small capital colored likeness of Dr Hall by Mrs Fassett, Mr Corcoran called at the time, & admired it very much.

Will not hang the Bridgman until I hear from Williams & Everett.

V. 125 C. 2 50cts

### 326 Nov. 5.

Warm & hazy.

No letter from Williams & Everett about Mr Corcoran's acceptance of the "Bridgman". Telegraphed them asking if it was satisfactory. Answered at 1 ½ p.m. it was, & frame in hand.

Mr Corcoran called & hearing this wished the picture hung immediately.

Messrs Millar & Messer ^artists^ examined the picture & thought it rather clean & not sketchily suggestive enough! Sluff! The work is just the kind of the artists need to instruct them in fine, conscientious painting & careful drawing.

Mr Kauffman called. Told him description of the picture could not be given to him, until we heard from Boston. Will give it tomorrow, or to night. He tells me that a view of Rome is among the pictures now being exhibited in New York by Tiltou who has lived in Rome many years. He will write asking if he would not like to exhibit ^it^ here.

Mr Clark called & gave further directions about stonework.

Went with him to the Capitol & saw Preston Powers' statue of Collamore again, & Mr Walker at work in repainting his "Chaputtepec".

Dr Barbarin went home ill at 1 ½ 2 p.m.

Letter from Williams & Everett. Is making new frame. Encloses bill for photos. for me to receipt, & writes that he encloses a check for the amt. but omitted it. Wrote him so.

Letter from Mr Dellenbaugh. Size of picture with frame 43 x 80.

V. 40 \$10.00 C. 3 75 P. \$8.00

### Nov. 6

Cloudy & mild – afterwards raining.

Gave a sketch descriptive of the "Bridgman" the "Star".

Saw fine water-color flowers by Miss Passmore at Mr Corcorans.

Told Barlow frames for Photos. would not answer. Will make other.

Admiral Powell, Miss Robinson & friend called.

Hung the "Bridgman" in East Gallery. Looked much smaller. The light to-day is unfavorable.

Mr Corcoran called.

Letter from Wilson Wood & Co Phila. declining photos. as too costly. Photos. returned by express.

Letter from ~~Dellenbaugh N.Y.~~ C.C. Merrick, Chicago, brought a letter to his father from Mr Porter artist, in which he states his willingness to sell the Miss Howe portrait to this gallery for \$1500 – provided it is a permanent one! –that it will remain here after Mr Corcoran's death! & that it shall never be copied for public or private use. Read the letter to Mr Corcoran who will see Mr French & settle the matter.

McEntee's "Clouds" arrived

At noon Mr McEntee's picture of "Clouds" arrived at the Gallery. Paid \$4.00 for freight. It is a fine effect of clouds indeed- and the landscape a somber treeless stretch of land.

Rather disappointed.

7th. Anniversary of my Curatorship.

Letter from Williams & Everett, Boston, sending catalogue of Mr Lilton's pictures &c now in New York, to be in Boston on Dec. 1st.

V. 240 C. 14 \$3.50

## Nov. 8

Monday. Bright & pleasant.

Letter from T. Moran artist approving Mr Dellenbaugh's pictures. Wrote the latter to send his picture on at his expense.

Letter from Mr McEntee about his "Clouds" & the time it will be kept here. Wrote him & sent Regulations.

Note from O.B. Bunce returning my last article on the gallery. The Art Journal will close with Decr no.

Oiling the front resumed.

Mr Vale came & raised the ventilators, old leak in the Main

328 Gallery wall again visible.

Rehung some pictures in the E. Gallery over the "Bridgman" and placed McEntee's "Clouds" between the door & wall where it looks well. Its simplicity will perhaps keep it from being popular, but artists will appreciate it.

The derrick in our alley is removed, & our gate broken. Col. Casey will replace it.

Mr Rodgers expects to finish the change of gas-burners in M.G. to-day, but did not.

Mr Matthews called and is in favor of keeping new picture, from the copyists for 2 or 3 years.

Barlow took away the framed photographs. Mr Brady called.  
V. 54 + 8 \$13.50 C. 6 \$1.50

**Nov. 9.**

Bright & pleasant.  
Mr Clark called. He approves of keeping new pictures uncopied. He says Mr Corcoran told him he offered through Judge French \$1500, for Miss Howe's portrait to Jud Mr Porter, artist.  
Vol. 3 of L'Art for /80 received with bill.

Judge French called. Gave him Mr Porter's letter. He says Mr Corcoran told him he would give \$1,500 for Miss Howe's portrait. He has not seen Mr C. since the latter read Mr P.'s letter. I presume we will have that superb work.  
V. 402 \$4.50 C 3 75cts

**Nov. 10**

Raw, cloudy & threatening rain.  
Note from C. E. Siltan, Peoria Ill. asking price of catalogue. Carded him.  
Mr Clark called with Mr Spalding, who will give estimate for oiling the whole building.

Miss Howe's portrait Mr Corcoran's authorized me to agree to Porter's "conditions"

By authority of Mr Corcoran I wrote to Mr Porter, artist, Boston stating that the "conditions" the latter mentioned in selling  
**329** Miss Howe's portrait (not to let it be copied or engraved) were agreed to as reasonable, and that the sum \$1500, would be paid on the reception of the picture here, in good order.  
V. 46 + 9 \$11.50 C. 8 \$2.00 P \$2.75  
Mr Hyde authorized the brick-work in the area & gutter above to be pointed up.

**Nov. 11**

Mild & cloudy, afterwards bright.  
Mr Clark called & approved Mr Hyde's order.

Letter from Mr Dellenbaugh enclosing signed Regulations.  
Wrote to Williams & Everett to send price & size of Tilton's View of Rome.  
Wrote to Mr Ezekiel, sculptor, Rome.  
Mr Stickney called to have Ulke's full length portrait of his son lately deceased exhibited in this gallery. Granted.



Received cheque for \$8.00 in letter from Williams & Everett who request a drawing of the "Egyptian ear-drop" on the frame of Bridgman's picture. Wrote him & sent receipt. Will send a plaster cast of the corner of frame tomorrow.

Mr ~~Vale~~ Rogers has tested the gas burners, & expects to finish to-day.

Mrs Judge Kirby of Ills. Jacksonville, shewed passable specimens for copying – will come in the spring.

V. 385 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$2.75

### Nov. 12

Cool and fair.

Set up young Mr Stickney's portrait by Ulke in East Gallery.

Dr Barbarin took a good plaster ↑cast↓ of ornamentation of the Bridgman's frame, & I sent it by express to Williams & Everett, with letter.

Mr Kauffman called. he will ~~pub~~ publish my notice of the "Bridgman" this week.

V. 58 + 10 \$14.50 C. 10 \$2.50 \$9.25

### 330 Nov. 13

Cloudy & very raw – as if it would snow.

Rec'd from Mr McEntee Regulations signed by him.

Mr Ulke came & touched over his portrait of Wm Stickney Jir.

Mr Rogers finished with the gas-burners, & removed the platform.

Mr. Corcoran was to go to Baltimore to-day.

Mr Hyde authorizes the repair of iron cellar-door, & wooden-corner for it.

Dellenbaugh's "Colorado Canon"

Mr Dellenbaugh's "Colorado Canon" arrived at 10 a.m. A good work, & very effective.

Wrote to know if for sale & at what price.

Letter from MR S.R. Kochler Boston. He offers copies of their private (Art Review's) to the Gallery. Wrote him, & expressed a wish to receive them/

Note from Mr Rhees, Smithsonian Institution, inquiring if I we had received an old cattle picture by Bergherm. Answered no.

Mr Clark called and authorized remedying the source of the leaks in the Main Picture Gallery.

V. 450 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$1.50

**Nov. 15**

Monday. Bright & pleasantly cool.

Letter from Williams & Everett, Boston, States that Tilton's View of Rome is 66 x 38, finely painted, & price \$5,000. Thinks he will sell for less to this Gallery, but can't say until they know whether we want it.

Private letter from Mr Koehler, accepting notices of art-works outside of Gallery.

Letter from Miss Manning Balt. enclosing \$1.00 for two small "Vestals" (single figure) wrote to her for 40cts additional in stamps.

Mr Clark called rather unwell. I called his attention to the darkness of the corner galleries. He will go on the roof, & examine what can be done.

M Schneider called to make estimate for iron handrail in roof.

Saw Mr Corcoran. He did not see Mr Walters in Baltimore.

**331** Consulted Messrs Hyde & Matthews about more stringent rules for the copyists, & I am directed to call a meeting of the Board, stating object of the meeting.

Mrs Colegate & husband. ^They^ Have brought a portrait (life-size) of Dr Hall, by Armor, which they are delighted with.

Mr Corcoran called with Miss Robinson.

V. 59 + 5 \$14.75 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$3.25

**Nov. 16**

Bright and quite cold.

Letter from Mr Dellenbaugh. The price of his picture \$800.

Suggests that a small folded notice of it be printed – 1000 copies.

Mr Newton's estimate for oiling & repairing stone outside building \$560.00.

Wrote to Earl & Sons, Phila. offering the new 4 large photographs.

Carded Mr Dellenbaugh, & stated we had a legible account under his picture.

Mr. Horatio King called, & is delighted with the Bridgman.

V. 470 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$5.75

**Nov. 17**

Milder & somewhat cloudy.

Mr Clark called & left directions about estimates.

Mr Clark & friend from Interior Dept called.

Sent to Mr Galt his likeness of Dr Hall.

Mr Koehler writes for information about the Natl. Lincoln Museum.

Mr Corcoran came & showed a letter from Mr Ezekiel, in reference to the names of other subjects of statues. He gave no American names.

Mr Corcoran is warmly in favor of not allowing new fine pictures to be copied!

V 49 + 10 \$12.25 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$1.00

### Nov. 18

Dark with rain, & raw.

332 Mr Newman bids for work of oiling &c the building, to find scaffold brushes & first-rate workmen at \$3.50 per day, we to find to find material.

Letter from Mr Dellenbaugh. Present label sufficient for his picture.

Letter from H.C. Ezekiel, Cincin ↑th↓, stating if we want to receive his brother's colossal bust of Washington now in Phila. he will send it.

S. A. Smith, Newark, N.J. enclosing 25cts. note & 2 ct. stamp for a copy of Corday.

Wrote him, that the smallest Corday cost 50cts.

Photos of Vestal, Corday & G. Slave to Earl & sons

Card from Earle & Sons, Phila. ordering large copies of Vestal (single figure Corday & Greek Slave, sent them by express & carded them.

Wrote to Miss Hallowell Chicago, for names of chief printsellers there.

Mr Barlow sent the Corday & Vestal in oak-frames.

Meeting of the Board called for Monday 22d.

V. 336 C. 17 \$4.25 P. 75cts.

### Nov. 19

Bright & very cold.

Mr Hyde & expressed his preference for a barrier, not attached to the floor.

Letter from Mr Smith, Newark N.J. enclosing 50cts. Wrote him & sent 12 x 16 "Corday".

Letter from Miss Manning Balt. enclosing \$1.00 – returned 50cts.

Letter from Mr Corliss Phila. saying that the exhibition at the Academy is one of The Society of Artists, whose Secretary will send me a catalogue.

Mr Mills called & gave information about Natl. Lincoln Monut.

Ordered 50 small (single figure) "Vestals" from Rice.

Mr Corcoran called. Forbids giving any cards to copyists, until after the meeting of the Board on Monday, & is opposed to receiving Ezekiel's colossal bust of "Washington." Wrote to his brother.

Wrote to Mr Greenleaf, of Boston Museum, about his picture barrier, the cost of some casts, & his rules for copyists.

Rec'd catalogue of Society of Artists Phila. & acknowledged it to Mr Corliss.

V. 40 + 6 \$10.00 C. 3 75cts. P. \$1.25

**333 Nov. 20**

Cloudy, raw with rain & snow that melted as it fell.

Mrs. Moore & sister & Lieut. Moore U.S.U. called. The ladies went through the galleries.

Clark Mills sculptor, called & gave me a "Post" containing the account of "National Lincoln Monument", for Art Review.

Wrote to Mr Koehler.

Bill from Osgood & Co. Boston, for Octr. No. of "American Architect," which had not come yet.

Letter from Chas E. Sitton, Portland, Oregon, enclosing 28cts for catalogue, which I sent with letter.

V. 270 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$4.75

**Nov. 22**

Bright and very cold.

Letter from Miss Hallowell, Chicago, sending names of art-dealers and wishing a copy of our Rules for copyists.

Mr Smith of Newark, N.J. returns 5 cents for postage on photograph.

Rec'd from Osgood & Co. Boston, copy of "Architect". Sent pay for it. 24.

Mr Vale called & expected to meet Mr Clark here, who did not call. Mr V. reported much of the tin-work as in bad condition.

V. 37 + 7 \$9.25 C. 6 \$1.50 P. 75cts.

Meeting of the Board

At 7 p.m. the Board met. Messrs. Matthews, Hyde, McGuire, Clark & Dr Welling, & Mr Corcoran present. Chief object of the Meeting was to revise Regulations for copyists.

The Curator was called on for his views which he read from a prepared statement. He afterwards by request attached to the present Regulations his proposed amendment which with little alteration were adopted.

## New Regulations for copyists

The chief & most important amendments are as follows

**334**

1. No copy of a picture is to be taken with a view to sale.

2. No picture is to be copied until two years after if admission.

3 Applicants must show a specimen for every different class of subject, they wish to copy, to be examined by a committee.

4. No copyist will be allowed to engage or begin a picture, until the one in hand is ~~engaged~~ finished.

5. No copy of a picture or its parts are to be made of the same size as that of the original, & the difference of size must be an important one – particularly of the large pictures.

6 No as copyist will be allowed to repeat copies of any picture, nor will be allowed to copy on plaques of porcelain or wood, or on shells, single figures or groups of the pictures.

The repair of roof, of furniture, & case for portfolios, oiling & repairing stonework – all referred to the Building Committee.

Letter from Mr Ezekiel read, & \$1500 advanced to him & \$650. allowed for each statue, & not \$600, & the Art Committee select an American sculptor, as one subject.

Mr Riggs sent a verbal message resigning the Treasurership, & the acting President was directed to report at Annual Meeting a plan to combine the offices of Secretary & Treasurership.

## Money appropriated for paintings

\$3,000 was appropriated for Bridgman's "Sacred Bull". \$1,500 for Miss Howe's portrait & \$5,000 for DeNeuville's "Surpris at Dawn", belonging to Mr Walters.

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**Nov. 23**

Bright & very cold. Severe weather at the north.

Drew up the amended Regulations for copyists, & sent them by Miss Welling to her father, for approval.

Mr. Mooney artist called, & was informed of the new Regulations to go into effect on Wednesday. To my question he said that he wished to copy the "Drove at the Ford" of the same size & for an order. I had to tell him neither privilege could be granted.

Mr Corcoran called, & I told him that he probably would be approached by complaints about the new rules for copyists, but assured him they would eventually benefit copyists.

Mr Hyde called & got Williams & Everett's address, to whom he sent check for Bridgman's picture- \$3,000.

Mr Farris, artist, got copyist's card for drawing from casts.

Mr Taylor is to give estimates for the portfolio cases.

Mrs. Colegate & daughter called. She will be glad to let us have Armor's portrait of Dr Hall tomorrow.

V. 295 C. 22 \$5.50 P. \$3.00

## Nov. 24

The coldest day yet: the ^severest^ temperature of mid-winter.

Cost of casts of Hermes Flying Mercury & David & Singing Boys

Letter from Mr Greenleaf, Boston Museum giving the cost of "Flying Mercury" at B. as \$75.55 – of David \$39.67, & of della Robbia's "Singing Boys" about \$22.00 – in all \$137.22 which with estimated cost of "Hermes" \$100, would be \$237.22, a small sum for such additions. The foregoing includes cost of packing & freight. To come from Berlin. Their picture barrier is 2', 8" high, & 2', 7" from wall.

Letter from L. C. Driggs, Tom's River, N.J. stating that Mrs. John F. Driggs of Saginaw, Mich, has an original

336 portrait of Osceola, the Seminole Chief by B.J. Curtis of N. Orleans, which she wishes to sell to this Gallery, ~~for~~ for \$125 or any other gallery or person, we can recommend. She believes is the only original portrait of Osceola ever taken. The artist was paid \$200 for it. I remember that George Catlin the well-known painter of Indians & Indian customs, exhibited in this city about 1840, a fine original portrait of Osceola, by him.

Wrote to Miss Hallowell Chicago, about photos, rules for copyists, & asked of Porter's portrait of Miss Howe was in the Chicago Exposition.

Mr Thomas ^was^ engaged to make doors for furnace-room for \$10. each.

Taylor put in estimate for portfolio ~~drawers~~ cases for \$40.

V. 37 + 5 \$9.25 C. 5 \$1.25

## Nov. 25

Thanksgiving Day, & the Gallery of course open to the public.

Cloudy & milder than for the past four days.

Letter from Mr Porter, acknowledging my letter of the 2 10th. He is pleased with the fact that his picture will be in "such a fine collection", as the "interesting catalogue" proves it to be. He has restructured the pictures cleaned & revarnished it. He wishes to be in the Catalogue as a "Portrait of a Lady", by particular request of Miss Howe. Will be sent here on Monday next. He will telegraph me.

Mr Clark called & was told of the Suspension of the regulation prohibiting copyists from selling their copies.

Mr Fowler called also Mr Colegate.

In the afternoon, there was a sprinkling of snow, & the galleries were dark.

V. 690 C. 20 \$5.00

**337 Nov. 26**

Snow last night covered the ground. To-day cloudy & mild, ending in another fall of snow that does not melt.

Letter from Williams & Everett enclosing bill for Bridgman's picture and ~~sto~~ invoice of the new frame, which was sent from Boston on 24th. Wishes us to return the old frame at low price freight. Wrote to him.

Mr Rogers, electrician came & reported that he had repaired the batteries for lighting the ^Main^ picture galleries.

Sent to Miss Eustis that Mrs. Darling wished to know what she will give for the Virgin Mercedes. She came & got Mrs. D's address. Wrote to Mr Porter, Boston. Asked for items in his career for the Catalogue.

V. 44 + 4 \$11.00 C 4 \$1.00 P \$

**Nov. 27**

Bright & the snow of last night thawing.

Wrote to Messrs Williams & Everett for Bridgman's address.

Dr Welling requested me to get Bridgman's, to learn from him & Mr Andrews the Regulations of European schools.

Mr Mooney called & got copyist's card under the rescinded rule.

Mr Corcoran & Mr F.B. McGuire called. Mr C. says the frame will leave B. on Monday.

Mr Vale called with his bill for \$90.00 certified to by Mr Clark, which I directed him to take to Mr Hyde for payment.

V. 360 C. 15 \$3.75 P. \$1.50

**Nov. 29**

Monday – bright & mild after yesterday's rain.

Cost of Hermes

Postal card from Mr Greenleaf – Says that the figures he gave for F. Mercury are those of Hermes – has no data about cost of former.

Catalogue of sale of De Haas (Marine painter) pictures Dec 1. & 2. in N.Y.

Note from Mrs E. T. King Balt. 76 Cathedral St. enclosing 25cts in stamps for photo of "Endymion" if we have it.

Mr Rice sent sample of small "Vestal" on thinner & narrower board. Don't like it & told him to use the old style.

**338** Dr. Hall's portrait by Armor.

Sent photos of large "Bavarian Prisoners", single figure of "Vestal" and of the Greek Slave to Mrs Colegate, and she sent us the portrait of the late Dr Hall by Aarmor (house-painter, and sent word that I had omitted the large "Corday." She does not wish the portrait copied & can't spare it long. In our office it does not appear so good a work as I anticipated. It has the features, but lacks the look of Dr Hall, and the color in some parts dead. The dress is painted too stiffly. But for a house-painter, it is a creditable work.

Mr Corcoran came in & liked the portrait.

V. 50 + 4 \$12.50 C> 8 \$2.00

**Nov. 30**

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Dr Barbarin reports that a lady & gentleman yesterday after I left at 3 p.m. complained to him of the noise made in the Main Gallery by the removal of easels &c, & that one of the keepers replied rudely to him. On asking the keepers about it, they both denied acting rudely, & said the parties dictated to them their ideas of duty. I am confident the complaint was well grounded, & have urged the keepers to remove the furniture more quietly.

Mr Boardman sent up 4 more portfolios – six in all.

Mr Corcoran called & wants Dr Hall's portrait in the Gallery. Mr Corcoran goes to Baltimore tomorrow, expecting to see Mr Walters.

Wrote to him E. T. King Balt. saying we had no photo of "Endymion".

V. 300 C 10 \$2.50

**Decr. 1.**



Cloudy & raw after last night's rain & sleet.

Letter from Miss Hallowell about photos. & their catalogue. Acknowledged it.

Hung Dr Hall's portrait in the east-gallery.

**339** Wrote to Mr Greenleaf Boston for cost of other casts of the Museum.

Letter from CW. ~~Thompson~~ Robinson artist Rochester N.Y. with 50cts for Corday. Sent it, to C.O. Thompson artist, Fall Brook, Tivga Co. Pa. as requested.

V. 30 + 6 \$7.50 C. 3 75cts P. \$8.25

### **Decr. 2**

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Postal card from Miss E. T. King Balt. stating as she could not wait for the photo of "Endymion", that I might return the stamps deducting those I used – which I have done, & wrote her.

Mr Clark called & ordered estimate for oiling &c the building from Mr Newton.

Mr Hyde's note stating that the hours of opening & closing the Gallery regulate attendance of the employees

Mr Hyde sent up the circular about the attendance of the employees of the Galleries with an additional note stating the hours of opening & closing the galleries, are to regulate the attendance of all employees. This will compel me to inform the copyists tomorrow, that they cannot enter the Gallery before the hour of opening, which from October to May is 10.a.m.

V. 350 C. 19 \$4.75 P. 75cts

### **Decr. 3**

Mild, but somewhat cloudy.

Sent notice to Dr Lindsly, that we want space where his daughter's portrait hangs. he sent for & got it.

Meeting of the Building Committee at 11 a.m. Messrs, Hyde & Clarke present. The following business transacted:

1. Contract to be made with Mr Flaherty to repair valleys & roofs.
2. Mr Clarke to employ upholsterer to repair furniture in Ladies' Apartment.
- 3d. A case for portfolio, corresponding with bookcase, not to exceed \$45.
- 4th. Accepting Mr Newton's bid for oiling gallery in a formal contract. The Gallery to furnish oil Mr Newton to furnish scaffolding. Ropes, Pots & brushes.

- 340** 5 At Mr Corcoran's suggestion the roof is to be crested as soon as weather permits.  
6th. The Secretary is to put the property on La. Av & 82-486. in tenantable order.  
7th. The water-closets of Ladies Room to be put in order.

Doors for the fireman's room

Mr Thomas has finished doors for the Fireman's Room.  
Mr Andrews artist had arrived. Was at the Gallery at noon.

Mr Stickney sent an order for his son's portrait. It was removed.

Mr Carmick of Phila. called with a small engraving of his uncle Capt Carmick of Marine Corps taken in 1812, & said he had the plate of it. On referring to St. Memin's Book, found & a copy of it there.

At noon the new frame from Williams & Everett Boston, arrived, & the Bridgman" was placed in it, & was improved greatly by the frame. The old frame was immediately boxed to be returned. Paid \$5.82 - \$4.32 for frt from Boston & \$1.50 to Knox for taking old frame to depot.

Sent to Mr McElroy to make tim labels of Bridgman's name & "Hors Concours" for his picture.

V. 20 + 2 \$5.00 C. 2 25cts.

#### **Decr. 4.**

Bright & mild.

Mr Taylor came & got plans for portfolio-case.

Mr Carmic called again to examine "St Memin".

Mr Corcoran called & admired the new frame. He is evidently averse to placing "Shakespeare & his Contemporaries" in the side-gallery which I wish to do to make room for new large pictures, & to give more character to the collection in the side-gallery.

Mr Corcoran engages Chialive's pictures for \$1,000, each

- 341** Mr Andrews called & discussed with Mr Corcoran the character of the ~~two new~~ photographs of the two pictures by Chidliva belonging to Goupil of Paris, which he (Mr A.) had sent over last summer. The result was ~~that~~ Mr Corcoran authorized Mr A. to engage the pictures from Mr Goupil for this gallery for \$1,000 each – the price fixed. Mr Andrews is to write at once for them.

V. 425 C. 3 + 5 \$4.50 P. 75cts

**Dec. 6**

Monday. Cloudy & mild.

Postal card from Miss Beebe, Havana N.Y. asking to send size & price of photo. of  
"Yankee Doodle" – Replied we had none.

Letter from W. S. Thurber Chicago, printseller, offering to receive & dispose of a sample  
of our large photos. Can't order them.

Sent to Mr Andrews his portrait of Mrs. Bell's sister, & Dr Hall's portrait by Armor, to  
Mrs Colegate.

Mr Colegrove asked me to examine a Van Dyke ("Diogenes in search of an honest man")  
at his house. It is probably a good copy in very bad repair. Advised him to have Barlow  
repair it.

Mr Andrews, left a photo of a "Seaport" by Achenbach, 10 ft long ^by 7 ft high^ without  
frame – Price 35,000 marks -- \$9,000.

Wrote to Messrs. Williams & Everett, acknowledging frame & that old one was returned.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Jones called.

Col. Felix I. Reeve – an old Treasury friend.

V. 24 \$6.00 C. 5 \$1.25 P. 75cts.

**Dec. 7**

Bright & cold with a high northwest wind.

Catalogues of B. Museum

Rec'd from B.F. Stevens in the British Museum, & wrote to him, acknowledging them &  
requesting him to send us a catalogue of ^purely^ Greek sculptures, if there be any of that  
kind in the Museum.

- 342** Mr Andrews left with me on the 4th. the address of Robt. E. Neil, Columbus O. relative  
of Maj. Williams U.S.N. to whom he advised me to send boxed the family group picture  
of the latter.

Mr Guillaume called & praised the "Sacred Bull" very highly. Yesterday Mr Clark did  
not call to start the oiling of the building by Mr Newton. Mr Hyde rather disapproves of  
the work & thinks its effect on the stonework, is somewhat unsightly.

Saw Mr Clark architect at the Capitol. He orders that Newton begins the oiling of the  
building on east side, & then on the rear, commencing at the top.

Boardman sent up bills.

Wrote to Mr Thurber, printseller, Chicago, & sent, Corday, Greek Slave, and the Vestal (single figure) to him by express, paying freight.

V. 235 C. 16 \$4.00

**Dec. 8**

Bright and very cold.

Letter from Mr Greenleaf, Boston, giving costs of certain statues, & information about others. Acknowledged it.

Letter from Williams & Everett, containing invoice of a box containing two pictures & frames – portraits by G.P.A. Healy at whose request they were sent. Wishes me to pay the freight & return bill.- also sent a Catalogue of Tilton's pictures, & hopes to send one here.

Mr Corcoran called. has been a 3d time to Balt. but failed to see Mr Walters.

V. 54 + 8 \$13.50 C. 3 75cts P. \$2.75

**Dec. 9**

Another bitterly cold day.

Order received from F.A. Harvey, clerk to Washington Monument Society, for the contribution box. Gave it to him.

- 343** Mr Maynard, Postmaster General, called to see a portrait of President Andrew Johnson, which President Hayes told him was here. A mistake.

Mr Corcoran called & wonders why Porter's portrait of a lady" is not here.

Mr Walter Shirlaw, artist, N.Y. Has a painting of "Sheepshearing" exhibited in Exposition of /78, which he wishes to exhibit in this Gallery for sale. Price \$4,000.

Varnished Mr Andrews' picture of Maj: Williams family, and I got Mr Taylor to box it.

Mr Andrews is to pay the cost.

V. 250 C. 29 \$7.25 P. \$6.75

**Dec. 10**

Very cold yet, but not so windy as on yesterday.

Mr Clark called 8 ½ a.m. with a package of maroon skins for the Ladies Apartment Chairs. He ordered Mr Newton to oil only the east stone part of the building near its south corner.

V. 66 + 4 \$16.50 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$3.00

### Dec. 11

Weather still bitterly cold.

Rec'd & receipted bill for photos. from Knaedler & Co. N.Y. accompanied with cheque for \$8.00 – wrote to them.

Mr Corcoran called. I again told him what Mr Walters said of the de Neuville picture – of his regret that he had no authority to buy it for this Gallery but did not remember that he was willing to sell it to the gallery. He said he gave \$5,000. ~~At~~ Mr Walters will come over next week, & Mr Corcoran at once wants to know of his arrival.

344 Wrote again to Mr Porter, to learn what detains the Portrait of a Lady.

Judge James called & took away his “Magdalen.”

Dr Welling & wished to know if I had got Mr Bridgman's address. ~~He br~~ I wrote to T. A. Richards for it. Dr W. thinks that the rule of forbidding copyists to sell copies, ought to be adopted on certain conditions – for instance, submit the copy to an artist of judgment, & thus decide its worthiness. A rather impracticable method.

Letter from Walter Shirlaw artist, N.Y. enclosing signed Regulations, & stating he had shipped from Boston to this Gallery, his picture of “Sheep-shearing in the Bavarian Highlands.” which he offers to the Trustees for \$4,000. Acknowledged it, Dr. Barbarin left at 3 p.m.

V. 350 C. 19 \$4.75 P. \$11.25

### Decr. 13

Monday. Bright & mild after a heavy rain last night.

Letter from Mr Porter artist. Explains delay in sending on the “Portrait of a Lady” by stating that the new varnish had not dried, and then “the question of selling it was discussed anew, & some things were said that made him hesitate.” I read the letter to Mr Corcoran ^at^ whose request I have written again, restating that the conditions Mr P. required will be strictly complied with.

Photos of Foreign pictures by Achenbach & others.

Mr Andrews brought several photographs of foreign pictures:

1. Procession from Church of Ara Caelo↑near the Capitol, Rome↓, by Achenbach 164  
↑H↓ centnes x 110 ↑L↓ c. 7,000 marks.  
2 Landscape by Herzog 168 ↑H↓ centr. x 120 ↑L↓ c. 3,000 marks. 3. "Defeated", scene  
in the Harz Mts, by C. Kroner 132 ↑H↓ cents x 80 ↑L↓ c. 3,000 marks. 4. Coast of Rugen  
(Isle in the Baltic) by E. Durer 135 ↑L↓ cents. x 80 ↑H↓ cts. 3,000 marks.

**345** Mr Scott brought labels for the "Sacred Bull." & put them on. I engaged him to prepare  
tablets for the portraits of Page artist, Mr Custis & J.C. Calhoun.

The man who is to cover the chairs of Ladies Room, called & will begin the work  
tomorrow.

V. 28 + 4 \$7.00 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$4.00

#### **Decr. 14**

Bright and pleasant.

Painters at work oiling the southeast angle of building over the alley & extending to the  
front.

Box of pictures by Mr Healy arrived. They are portraits of Miss Thursby, the American  
vocalist (full length) and a half-length of ~~Bis~~ Cardinal McCloskey in his official robes.  
Miss Thursby is represented in blue dress as about to sing from the sheet of music in her  
hands. The pose is very fine, firm, & dignified & the head & face of a beautiful, sweet  
expression, full of gentleness & animation. The blue dress is not well-painted. It may be  
of silk, or woolen, or any other fabric. The excessive red of the Cardinal's dress is not  
agreeable, & the face though full of intense expression thought, appears hard.

Profr Baird of the Smithsonian Institution called for me in his carriage to give my opinion  
of some decorative work in the National Museum. I went with him & examined with  
great interest that fine building. It is to be used for the Inauguration Ball, & will  
doubtless look superb on that occasion.

Mr & Miss Brooks of N.Y. & Miss Gilliss visited the gallery.

Dr Barbarin, Mr Martin & Mr Darrell went court to testify to John Green's character.

V. 66 + 6 \$16.50 C. 12 \$.300 P. 50cts

The above are the receipts for the 15th.

#### **346 Decr. 15**

Bright and pleasant.

Hung Healy's pictures in the E. Gallery, removing thence the portrait of Mr Custis, and  
Mr Calhoun to the main gallery.

Revd. Dr Potter of Union College, Schenectady N.Y. called and got information about the cost & way of getting casts.

Wrote to Messr William & Everett, enclosing freight bill on Healy's pictures.  
The oiling of the building, & repair of Ladies Room furniture, going on.  
Mr Darrell tells me a gentleman had stated he had seen Mr Walters in the city yesterday.  
I hope Mr Corcoran will meet him, & settle about buying the "de Neuville."  
V. 310 C. 23 \$5.75 P. \$350  
The above is the return for the 14th.

**Decr. 16**

Bright & pleasant. Very mild.  
Mr Clark called early & examined the oiling, and the repair of furniture. He admired the portrait of Miss Thursby very much.

Judge French called to see if Porter had sent on Miss H's portrait.

Asked Mr Corcoran if he had seen Mr Walters on Tuesday. He had not, & was surprised & annoyed to hear from Mr Hyde's clerk, that Mr W. & Mr Riggs had met at the latter's bank, & he kept ignorant of it. I fear if he does meet him, he will not get the de Neuville.

V. 30 C. 18 \$4.50 P. \$4.25

**347 Decr. 17**

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Postal from T.A. Richards, N.J. stating that the address of Mr. Bridgman artist is "The Madison" Madison Av. & 25th. St. N.Y. Sent the same to Dr Welling.

Mrs. Colburn brought a description of her portrait of Bishop Whittingham. Hung it in the east gallery.

Mr Corcoran called. I shewed him estimates for the casts for the Renaissance Hall, but he thought it best to do nothing about them until the Annual Meeting in Jany.

At Mr Andrews' suggestion I wrote to Knaedler & Co N.Y. suggesting that they send on here for exhibition, Heilbuth's "Cardinal" in their gallery.

V. 71 + 7 \$17.75 C. 6 \$1.50 P. 75cts

**Decr. 18**

Cloudy, raw & a sprinkle of snow. This is the day which according to Venner, the Canadian weather-prophet, is to begin a heavy snowfall of eleven feet. That depth, I suppose is for the north.

Note from R.W. Neil, Columbus O. stating the arrival of Maj. Williams' picture.

A gentleman to-day says that his brother in Rome, has the original Clytie in marble by Rinehart.

Mr Elroy sent up picture tablets – bill of \$3.75 pd by Dr Barbarin.

Saw an interesting collection of Japanese articles at the residence of Dr Kindelberger, U.S.N.

Oiling of the gallery exterior front stopped before noon.

16 Vestals figure) from Rice

Rice sent up 19 Vestals (single figure) rejected three.

V. 300 C. 21 \$5.25 P. \$10.85

**348 Decr. 20**

Cloudy, raw & ending in a snow.

Letter from Williams & Everett, enclosing cheque for freight on Healy's pictures \$5.80. He also offers to send a few of Tilton's pictures, on the same terms as the "Bridgman" if we wish. He enclosed newspaper ships criticizing the pictures.

Mr Flaherty reports the completion of the repairs of the valleys on the roof, but says the whole roof needs renewal.

A 1 p.m. The painters' stopped work on the front of the building.

Shirlaw's picture of "Sheep-shearing in Bavaria."

Dr Kindelberger U.S.N. called & admired the "Shirlaw" picture which arrived early this morning from Boston. It represents "Sheepshearing in the Bavarian Highlands" by Walter Shirlaw N.Y. Mr S. is one of the Munich school of artists, and his picture exhibits all the excellence and defects of that school as shown in the works of our American artists who follow it. It represents a spacious vaulted room, with a range of women on either side clipping the wool, with a woman standing in the centre. Its handling is very vigorous the drawing & grouping good, & the force of light well expressed. The perspective is also very good. The different heads of men women & children are



excellent, & the general color is excellent. But there is with all its vigor, too much neglect of drawing & color in detail; and much of the work is executed coarsely & slovenly – leaving many parts of the details quite unintelligible. The sheep are badly painted, & the masses of wool like any thing but wool. There is also a smeary heavy brownness pervading the color of the sheep – not a gray tint about them. So too is the absence of clear modeling of the ox & dog. In fact in spite of its vigor & breadth of effect, its defects in detail are disagreeably prominent.

- 349** The snow darkened the galleries so much that the copyists left early. The snow continued all day, with few intervals.

V. 31 \$7.75

### **Dec. 21**

The snow-storm of Saturday continued all night, & continues to-day. The picture-galleries are of **wurse** very dark.

Card from J. Cottrell 150 Brdwy N.Y. asking address of Mr Thurston artist of “Niagara.” Referred him to T.A. Wilmurt, 13th St. N.Y.

Letter from Mr Chas. H. Hart Phila. stating he had sent a package to Mr Dwight, Librarian State Department, in which he has placed for the portfolio of this Gallery, four proof plates, ^private^ three of which are after Stuart’s pictures.

Mr Flaherty brought his bill \$50, but did not certify it, as the weather prevented an examination of the work. Stated that on the bill, & Dr B. dropped a note to Mr Clark, stating the facts.

Mr Rice sent up 15 Cordays 12 x 16. Accepted.

V. 85 C. 8 \$2.00 \$6.50

### **Dec. 22**

Bright and mild, & the snow is yielding to the sun, but it is deep, & if it freezes to-night will last sometime. Some sleighing.

Mr Corcoran called & authorized me to write to Williams & Everett to give sizes of pictures to be sent.

Miss Cook sent for & obtained a large Corday for \$2.00.

Rec’d from Mr Dwight State Dept. the proofs from private plates of Steuart’s & Jarvis works. Also the 4th. Section of Barrie’s “Art Treasures of America.” Also the bound copy of Appleton’s “Italy”.

V. 25 \$6.25 C. 4 \$1.00 P. \$4.25

**350 Decr. 23**

Bright & cool. Good sleighing, as there was a freeze last night.

Wrote to Williams & Everett. Telling them to send sizes f Tilton's pictures.

Mr Clark sent word to have the recesses of niches oiled.

Wrote to Mr Hart, Phila. acknowledging proofs of Stuart & Jarvis.

22 Vestals & 2 Cordays from Rice accepted. 3 Cordays declined.

Mr Corcoran called.

V. 255 C. 21 \$5.25 P. \$12.95

**Decr. 24**

More snow – there is good sleighing.

Letter from Mr Healy requesting permission to have his portraits hung in this gallery, until sent to the N.Y. Acady.'s exhibition. He is in Chicago, & will be here about Feb. 15. Wrote him giving assent.

Note from Mr Clarke, Bureau of Education enclosing Tabular proofs for me to correct & fill up.

Mr Mc F.B. McGuire called & stated that I was appointed a member of the Committee for arranging works of art in the Art Loan Exhibition for the benefit of the "Training School for Nurses" about to be started.

Gave Dr Jouy an order for fifty small Cordays.

Dr. Barbarin left at 1 p.m.

V. 30 \$7.50 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$5.00

**351 Decr. 27**

Cloudy & mild enough to melt much of the snow that fell Saturday & yesterday (Sunday) morning.

Mr Corcoran is 82 years old today.

To-day Mr Corcoran completes his 82d year, & is well & hearty.

Miss Darrell's kitchen flooded by the water of the area percolating through the stone work foundation. Mr Clarke came in & said when the weather became mild, the bricks must be taken up & laid in cement. Mr C. took away the unused portion of the maroon leather of which the Ladies Room furniture was repaired.

Hung Shirlaw's picture & Mrs. Colburn's in the east gallery.

Consulted Mr Hyde about the letter from Mr Stevens of London, & will write to Mr S. & Mr. Bigmore.

Mr Hyde brought me a letter from Mr Ezekiel, Rome.

Cost of repairing Ladies Room furniture

Mr. Ullman, upholsterer, finished the work of repairing the Ladies' Room furniture & had his bill paid by Dr Barbarin \$27.50 – Trimnings \$633. and the price of the leather little more than half what was asked by regular upholsterers for the whole job!

V 40 \$10.00 C. 8 \$2.00

## **Decr. 28**

One of the coldest, if not the coldest day this winter. Last night at 12, it was mild, & the streets were filled ^with^ half melted snow: now they are full of lumps of ice. The cold & storm of snow north, are fearful.

Letter from Mr Porter, stating that the obstacles to sending on his "portrait of a lady" are overcome, & that it will leave Boston on Wednesday – to-morrow – which is good news indeed! I sent the letter at once to Mr Corcoran.

Saw Mr Corcoran & congratulated him upon his 82d year & also the reception he held at the Louise Home, & also upon the prospect of the sure arrival of Mr Porter's Portrait of a Lady." He is in capital spirits.

A large attendance of visitors, in spite of the weather.

V. 750 C. 33 \$8.25

## **Decr. 29**

Another snow commencing last night & still falling, 1.p.m.

Mrs Schwing Balt. wishes to exhibit a painting by her.  
Sent Regulations by Dr Klienschmidt.

Mr. J.J. Barclay 1923 Pa. Av. called for the spectacles found here yesterday, as the property of Mrs Howe 912 French St. He got them. Before he called I paid a dollar for advertising them 3 times in the "Star". Sent a note to Mr B. stating what I had done, & that if he called at the "Star" office before tomorrow at noon, he would have to pay only 50cts.

Dr Barbarin left at 1. p. m.

Letter from Williams & Everett Boston, proposing to send four of Tilton's pictures, & they to pay the freight on what is sold.

4 p. m. The snow heavily falling.

Letter from Mr J. Cranch, referring to his portraits of Butler & Clay.

V. 26 \$6.50 C. 3 75cts

### 353 Decr. 30

Bright & bitterly cold, more so than any day this winter, the thermometer at 2 ½ this morning, the thermometer stood at 1°.

Mr Barclay called & paid the bill for advertising lost spectacles.

Wrote to Williams & Co for Tilton's pictures.

Mr Corcoran called. He authorized to reply to letter of Williams & Everett by telegram (& also by letter) by telling them to forward the four Tilton pictures, with prices, we to pay freight to & fro, they to pay transportation of any sold. I did so. Mr Corcoran is inclined to have a barrier in the Main Picture Gallery, & desired me to call for it at the Annual Meeting next month.

Corrected proofs of Col. Clark's "Tables" & returned them with a letter.

Mr Noble's "Rehearsal"

Mr Ainslie, delegate from Idaho, called with a letter from Thos. S. Noble, artist, & head of "The School of Design", Cincinnati, desiring to put his picture of "The Rehearsal on exhibition, & enclosing an order upon the Boston Art Museum for it.

I wrote to him stating that at present, it would not be placed in a good position, & asked him to state the size of the work, -- I also wrote to Mr Greenleaf of the "Museum", to learn something about it.

Mr Matthews called.

A party of Indians, Sioux, Yanktons & Brulis came in & were amused with some pictures, & admired the Lavcoon.

V. 660 C 39 \$9.75 P \$4.50

**354 Decr. 31**

Coldest weather yet!

The last day of 1880, & the coldest – in fact, it is believed, the coldest ever known here. Early in this morning the thermometer at the Signal Office marked 7 degrees below zero! And at 9 a.m. it was bitterly cold. The return pipe to our boiler burst at 10.a.m. and it will be necessary to lower the heat, until repaired. Reports of arctic weather came from all parts of the country. The snow in the streets is now packed down in an icy mass affording excellent sleighing. The scene on the Pa. Avenue is very animated.

Wrote Tice & Lynch 34 ½ Pine St. N.Y. for Mr Bigmore's address.

At 11 ½ a.m. a box arrived from New York, containing the portrait of Mrs. Ogle Tayloe by D. Huntington. It was addressed to my care. It is beautifully painted. Pure color throughout, & the whole air & keeping, befit the portrait. A letter came from Mr H. asking me to write if the picture came in good order, which I did.

Col. R. D Cutts called. Did not recognize the Tayloe portrait. He wishes me to tell Dr Jouy to ~~notify~~ suggest to the lady at the north who is writing a memoir of Mrs Madison, to send her Mss. to him, for perusal, to avoid errors. Sent card to Dr J.

Dr Barbarin sent off McEntee's picture & notified him.

Letter from Mr McEntee, asking me to send his picture to T. A. Wilmunt 54. E. 13th St. N.Y.

Mr. Corcoran called & thought the Tayloe portrait a good one.

At ten o'clock p.m. I received at my residence a telegram stating that he had to-day, sent his "Portrait of a Lady" from Mr Porter.

And here ends the record of 1880!

V. 48 + 14 62 C. 4 \$1.00

Wm. MacLeod Curator